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Japanese Mechanised Army Bogged At Machang

FLOOD WATER RELEASED  
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VOLUNTEER ARMY

Tientsin, To-day.

A brilliant defensive coup, reminiscent of steps taken by the Belgian Army during the Great War, has been taken by Chinese troops fighting the Japanese in North China.

Retreating slowly while stubbornly fighting numerically superior Japanese forces, the Chinese cut the dykes along the Machang River and bogged the Japanese Army.

Swollen by heavy rains, the flood waters cascaded through the breaches in the dykes, swamped the Japanese forces before they could withdraw and flooded an extensive area of low-lying country. The Japanese offensive has been brought to a complete standstill.

Flooding of the area is believed to have extricated the Chinese forces, mainly composed of volunteers, from an extremely dangerous position.

Taking up positions on higher ground, the Chinese are now safe from flank attacks with which they were threatened, as the flood waters have incapacitated the Japanese mechanised units.

Dozens of tanks, armoured-cars and supply lorries, used by the Japanese in their advance on Machang, south of Tientsin, are now helplessly bogged.

## Fair Weather

The Royal observatory reported this morning that weak anticyclones are situated over Mongolia and over the Pacific to the southeast of Japan. A trough of relatively low pressure extends from Indo-China across the China Sea to the Pacific.

Meanwhile, headquarters of the Japanese troops in North China report that the Japanese are advancing south-west of Kalgan.

Claim is that the troops have reached the border of Shansi and Chahar near Tanchen and in the neighbourhood of the Suiyuan Railway. — Trans-Ocean.

to the east of Luzon.  
Local forecast: — E. winds, moderate, fair.

OFFICER  
FOUND DEAD  
ON SEISTAN

A shocking tragedy occurred on the Seistan shortly before midnight last night when Edward Vyvian Neville Fuller, aged 30, second officer of the boat, was found shot in his bunk with an Iver Johnson .38 short pistol.

When the ship tied along side the Douglas Wharf this morning, the police under Chief Detective Inspector J. Murphy, Sub-inspector L. K. Whant other police officers and photographers boarded to investigate the occurrence.

Deceased, who only joined the ship from the s.s. Sagres on August 28, was of a very jovial nature and

JAPANESE  
AIR BASE  
ON PRATAS

A sensation has been caused by the exclusive "China Mail" story revealing that the Japanese are establishing a seaplane base on the Pratras. The full story, related by one of the refugees from the islands, will be found in Page Seven.

was to have gone on watch at midnight. During the early part of the evening he was seen on the deck and nothing unusual was observed in his manner.

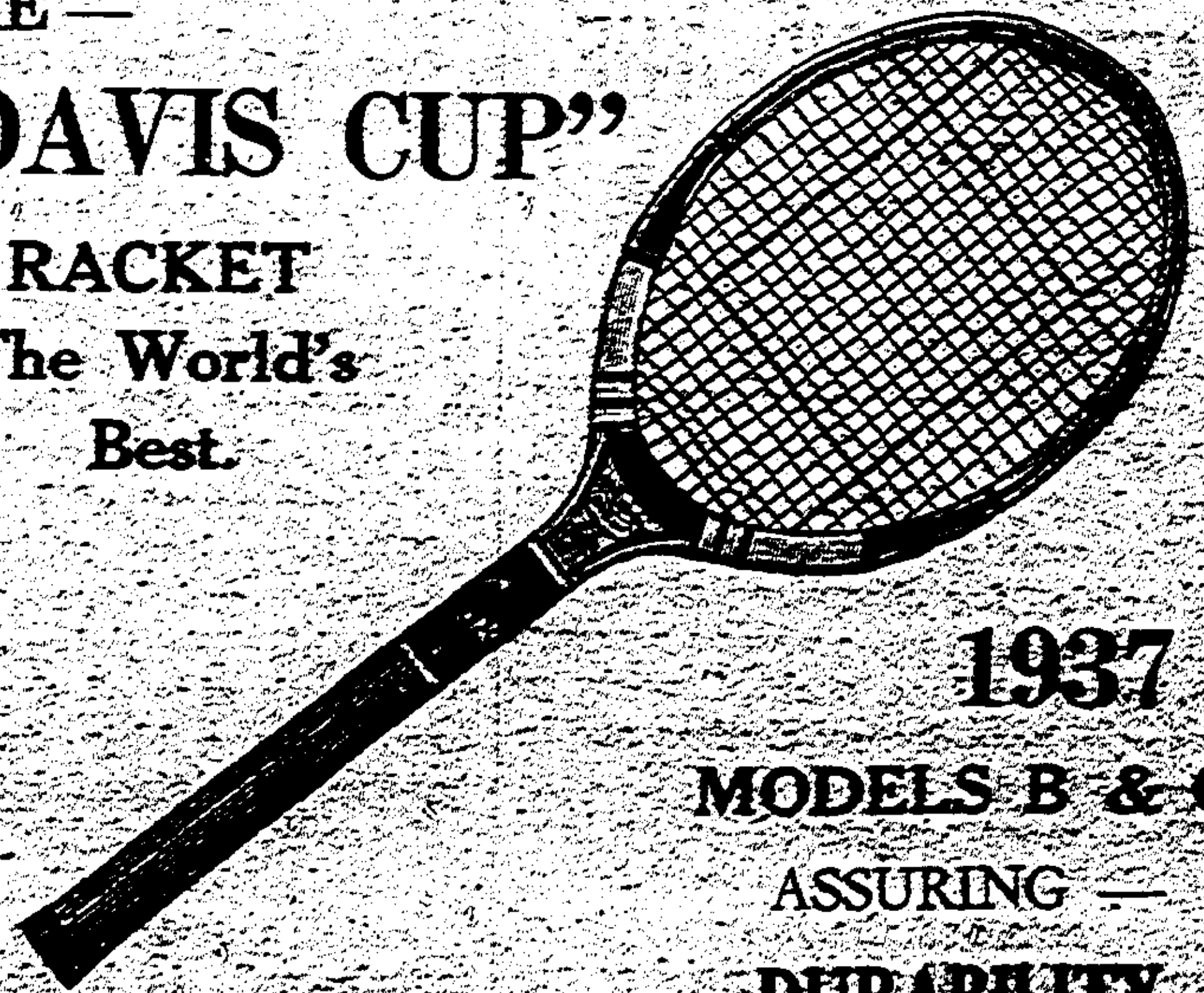
## BULLET IN TEMPLE

Deceased, when found, was reclining on his left side bespattered with blood. He was shot through the right temple.

According to the doctor, death was instantaneous. The revolver had only one cartridge discharged; and its muzzle was covered with blood, suggesting that it had been fired from very close range.

This morning, Captain J. M. Morren, of the s.s. Sagres, was shocked  
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# INFERIORITY COMPLEXES AND MAKE-UP



A luxurious note for Autumn is struck by this white fox-bordered lame cape that drifts from just one shoulder, worn by Cynthia Westlake. The screen actress wears it over a sheathlike, extremely decollete gown of silver lame.

## HERE'S A MENU TO TRY

For something just a little different to try on your family or a group of your friends these summer nights try a Dutch supper:

Bacon and Sauerkraut  
Malty Baked Beans  
Cucumber Salad Apfel Strudel  
Beer

Menus such as this promote an atmosphere of friendliness and hospitality, especially when served with beer, since this beverage has refreshing qualities which set it apart from others.

## ATTIRE AND THE OCCASION

Before deciding open-toe, open-heel shoes are for you think of the places you have to wear them. Think, too, on the hosiery upkeep, since sheer toed stockings are their fashion counterpart. That discounts their chic for city streets unless you are just on your way to a smart luncheon, matinee, cocktail party or dinner, where dressy clothes are in order.

The more informal open-toed sandals are meant for resort, spectator sports and the leisure side of country life. They are neither appropriate nor comfortable for active sports; for everyday wear in town or tripping around the office.

After you have considered the etiquette of this new ventilated fashion that appears in suede perforated patent, linen, kidskin, gabardine and flowered burlap, too, you will know which costumes in your wardrobe can afford to call attention to your feet.

"Why women make up? Why there's no question about it! It's all the result of hearing so much about psychology. It was psychoanalysts who popularised beauty parlours."

Mrs. Fane is one of those people who like to hold forth on any given subject, so we all stopped taking to listen.

"But psycho-analysis is for abnormal people," someone objected. "And surely every normal woman likes to look her best?"

"Of course she does, but she didn't know why till she saw it down in black and white. She thought it was vanity, but now she knows it is an Inferiority Complex and everyone is more afraid of that than smallpox nowadays! You may have one about your work and character or anything else, of course, but unless you're Helen of Troy or Cleopatra you're sure to find it staring at you from your looking-glass."

### Two Generations

"But your generation didn't have Inferiority Complexes, did they?" asked a prim lady hurriedly.

"Now, my dear, you're doing what all the young do, confusing two generations. My mother and grandmother didn't suffer from them as women. Victorian old maids had them, but wives and mothers were too busy combining their husbands' ideals of them as goddesses and bottle-washers. For my contemporaries it was quite different. We didn't like being called the weaker sex: we knew there were too many of us for any but the uncritical and desperate and the real beauties to get husbands. We were starting on careers."

Some of us foolishly thought that brains and push were all that mattered, but we soon found out our mistake. That wasn't just due,

either, to a man's natural preference for working with a pretty woman. No! It was simply due to the fact that no woman is at her best unless she is looking her best. As soon as we discovered that this vague instinct was a good medical symptom, called the Inferiority Complex, the beauty parlour came to stay.

### Wasted Youth

"I'm all in favour of make-up for that reason. I look back sadly to my own youth, when I used to scrub a bit of pink scented paper over my nose in secret, and then rub it off again before I came downstairs, red with polish. People say girls waste so much time over it, but I'm sure we wasted as much back-combing our hair into little curls and arranging petersham belts over our skirts, and threading yards of ribbon into underclothes."

And if they need to sublimate their self-distrust by a collection of little jars and tubes, it's more necessary still for us older women. I should say that two kinds of cream, and something in a bottle, and a powderpuff are all that are needed for an average-sized complex, as mine is. There's always face-massage and rouge to fall back on in a real crisis! Beauty isn't skin deep to-day. It gets right down to our egos, and you really remove inhibitions with a bit of grease on a scrap of cotton-wool, whatever you do to your wrinkles."

"You'd make a good advertiser," said someone idly.

"Not really, my dear! To tell you the truth, as a busy, happy, and moderately vain woman I really find it enough just to buy a bottle or two and keep them without using them. Sublimation, that's called," said Mrs. Fane briskly. "I told you it all came round to psycho-analysis in the end!"

## NEW FASHIONS AT DRESS SHOWS

Paris dress shows are well under way by now, and buyers are doing their utmost to take advantage of them.

One of the most interesting collections is shown by Lucile Parry. Points to mark here are the wide and real-looking diamond necklaces worn with afternoon dresses, the amount of gold, diamante, sequin and paillette flowers embroidered on the front of bodices, the quantity of gold and sealskin jackets and the amount of bright lame.

The long day coats are single-breasted, and have wide revers. One in black is elaborately braided down each side of the bodice and worn over a blue tartan dress. Another black coat is shown over a dress of periwinkle blue.

A tailored suit in navy blue towelling material has a cross-over "comforter" in black astrakhan, passed through a large engraved silver ring. A bottle-green dress, elaborately braided, is shown with a barrel-shaped muff to match. A tent-shaped knee-length coat in black cloth has a deep hem of black seal with an enormous clover, made of cloth, encrusted at each side.

### GOWNS OF VELVET

A bolero of golden seal, with

bronze sequin flowers embroidered on the front of the bodice, has long sleeves slashed with bronze lame. This is worn with a chestnut-brown dress.

The crepe and satin blouses worn with suits are all slit and buttoned at the back. The jackets and tailor-mades are long and tight-fitting.

A great deal of velvet is used for the evening dresses. One in black velvet has white lace paillette insets at the hem and bodice. Another, cut on long, clean lines, is off the shoulders and has long tight sleeves. A third has wide bands of diamante from shoulder to waist, and has a diamante belt forming a square bodice.

A black satin picture frock, slightly shorter in the front than at the back, has a skirt lined up with orchid pink satin.

### KNITTED SUITS CHANGE

Two well-known houses for knitted suits and dresses have already shown their collection. One is Wanda Kofler and the other Aileen Rice. Wanda Kofler shows wool brocade in highly coloured flowered designs to give up the severely modern silhouette.

Plain surfaced wools are used for the day suits and often the



For easy movement and comfort in the summer evenings, Harriett Hilliard, screen actress, chooses this gown of turquoise blue crepe. The high pointed waistline is defined by rows of tiny rhinestones which scatter out over the dress. The same treatment is used around the V neck and short sleeves.

coat and skirt are in different stitches. One of the most amusing models is a flared evening jacket with the design of a 16th-century stag hunt. This is worn with a velvet skirt.

Jackets shown by Aileen Rice are shorter and the skirts a little wider. She uses hairy wools, georgette yarn and ribbon. The stitches include cloque and diagonal herringbone effects. The colours are browns, greens, "burnt onion," "chamois" and "exhibition red and blue."



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12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.  
12.30 p.m.—Ambrose and His Orchestra.  
Piccadilly (Meskill, Harvey, Carr).  
Falling Leaves (Kennedy, Carr).  
Serenade In The Night—Fox-Trot  
(Bixio, Chernubini, Kennedy).  
When The Poppies Bloom Again  
(Towers, Morrow, Pelosi).  
Until To-day—Fox-Trot (Davis,  
Coots, Levant).  
Bye, Bye, Baby—Fox-Trot (Hirsch,  
Handman).  
Whotcha Gotcha Trombone For?  
—Fox-Trot (Kennedy, Carr).  
I'll Step Out Of The Picture —  
Fox-Trot (Kennedy, Carr).  
Crazy With Love—Fox-Trot (Sig-  
ler, Goodhart, Hoffman).  
1.00 p.m.—Local: Time signal and  
Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson  
(Bass).  
Passing By (Herrick, Purcell).  
No! John No! (Sharp).  
My Way (Carr, Kennedy).  
1.13 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.  
"New Moon".  
Vocal Gems (Hammerstein 2nd  
and Romberg).  
Light Opera Company.  
"The Merry Widow".  
Selection (Lehar).  
"Bitter Sweet" (Coward).  
If Love Were All.  
Ivy St. Helier (Soprano).

# Today's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c's :::: ZEK 640 k.c's.

Zigeuner.  
Peggy Wood (Soprano).  
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin  
Speech From The Roof-Garden of  
the Hong Kong Hotel.  
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.  
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.  
7.00 p.m.—Songs by Nelson Eddy  
(Baritone).  
Dusty Road (L and O Rene).  
Through The Years (Heyman-  
Yonmans).  
When I Grow Too Old To Dream  
(Hammerstein, 2nd — Rom-  
berg).  
7.10 p.m.—Light-Symphony Orchestra.  
Mannin Veen (Haydn Wood).  
Conducted by Haydn Wood.  
"The Three Men" Suite (Eric  
Coates).  
1. The Man from the Country.  
2. The Man from the Town.  
3. The Man from the Sea.  
Valse from "Wood Nymphs" (Eric  
Coates).  
Conducted by Eric Coates.  
7.35 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-  
tions and Hong Kong Exchange  
Market Report.  
7.40 p.m.—Studio Concert by Doris  
Blair (Soprano) accompanied by Lu-  
ba Shaftain (Piano).

Voi Che Sapete ("Fegaro").  
Old Mother Hubbard (Set in the  
manner of Handel).  
Anstrage (Schumann).  
The Doll Song ("Tales of Hoff-  
man").  
8.00 p.m.—Local: Time signal, Weather  
report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—London Relay — "Stirling  
Castle". A feature programme.  
8.40 p.m.—London Relay—Recital of  
Scots Songs and Dances.  
By Mary Ferrier (Soprano) and Iso-  
bel Guthrie (Violin).  
9.00 p.m.—Variety.  
Piano—  
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No.  
D4:  
Intro: I Need You; What will I  
tell my Heart; The Love  
Bug will Bite You.  
With Plenty of Money and  
You; Let's Put our Heads  
Together; Moonlight and  
Shadows, With Plenty of  
Money and You.  
Charlie Kunz.  
Vocal—  
Love, Forever I Adore You (Miller  
and De Michel).  
In Your Arms To-night (Lockton  
and Geehl).  
Ronald Murgatroyd (Tenor).  
Mood Indigo (Ellington).  
Sentimental Gentleman From Geor-  
gia (Parish-Perkins).  
The Boswell Sisters.  
If You Love Me (Noble).  
My Heart And I (Hollander).  
Evie Hayes. (Contralto).  
Orchestra—  
Music From The Movies—March  
(Louis Levy).  
Empire Builders—March (Bath).  
Louis Levy and the Gaumont  
British Symphony.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News  
and Announcements.  
9.55 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan Ex-  
cerpts.  
"The Gondoliers".  
We're Called Condoliers.  
Derek Oldham, George Baker  
and Chorus.  
Then, Let's Away.  
Then Away They Go To An Island  
Fair.  
Derek Oldham, Winifred Law-  
son, Aileen Davies, George  
Baker and Chorus.  
Of Happiness The Very Pith; Ris-  
ing Early In The Morning.  
George Baker and Chorus.  
Take A Pair Of Sparkling Eyes.  
Derek Oldham.  
10.15 p.m.—London Relay — Big Ben.  
Talk: "World Affairs".  
10.25 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—  
With Plenty Of Money And You.  
Let's Put Our Heads Together  
(Film "Gold Diggers of 1937").  
To You, Sweetheart.  
I Was Saying To The Moon (Film  
"Go West, Young Man").  
Roy Fox and His Orchestra.  
Who Loves You.  
Foolish Heart.  
Ronnie Munro and His Dance  
Orchestra.  
The Rhythm's O. K. In Harlem.  
Take Another Guess.  
Teddy Foster and His Kings of  
Swing.  
Waltz—  
Will You Remember (Film "May-  
time").  
Swing High, Swing Low (Film  
"Swing High, Swing Low").  
Louis Levy and His Gaumont-  
British Symphony.  
Fox-Trot—  
Slap That Bass (Film "Shall we  
Dance").  
Harry Roy and His Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## "Natural" Play Not Always Correct

To discard a potential winner in order to keep a certain loser is contrary to all our instincts. Yet in countless situations this very process is the only one that can produce victory. The "potential" winner may never materialize; the loser, if we still had it, might do Trojan service as a card of exit.

To-day's hand brings out a little appreciated, but often valuable, point of discarding.

North, dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH			
S J			
H K 10 4 3			
D 7 5 3			
C A K 10 5 2			
WEST			
S A Q 5 4 3 2			
H J 7			
D J 2			
C J 6 3			

SOUTH			
S 9 8 7 6			
H A 9 2			
D A K 6			
C 9 8 4			

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 club Pass 2 no trump Pass  
3 no trump Pass Pass Pass

West opened his fourth highest spade, East won with the king and returned the ten spot. West realized, of course, that his partner might have no more spades after the ten but, if that were the case, an overtake with the queen would merely establish a spade in declarer's hand. On the ten of spades declarer carelessly discarded a diamond from dummy, the "natural" discard. Now East shifted to a diamond and declarer (delighted that East obviously was out of spades) won with the ace. A club was passed to East and

the second diamond return was won with the king. But after dummy's clubs had been cashed the short-sightedness of the diamond discard from dummy became apparent.

With four cards left to play, if dummy's holding had been the K-10-4 of hearts and the seven of diamonds instead of the four hearts as actually played, the play of the diamond would have turned the tables. East, as before, would have to hold the heart stopper and thus could not hold more than one diamond. Thrown on lead with that diamond, East would be forced to lead a heart and declarer, with the A-9-small in one hand and K-10-small in the other, could pick up the defenders' split honours.

Needless to say it would have required great luck to have fulfilled the contract (which was far from good), but the fact remains that a careful discard at the second trick would have turned the tide.

### To-day's Question

Question: Please give the correct bidding on the following hand (North dealer):

North—	S A Q J 10 9 7 6 3 H 7 D Q J 5 C J
South—	S K H A Q 8 D A 10 7 5 C A K Q 8 6

Answer: North South  
3 spades 5 no trump  
7 spades Pass

South's five no trump should be viewed by North as the conventional five no trump grand slam force.

Question: The lead was in dummy, but, as declarer, I led the queen of spades from my own hand. Opponents told me to lead from dummy, which I did. Opponents then insisted that I play the queen of spades on the trick. Was that proper, under the rules?

Answer: No. You were permitted to replace the queen of spades in your hand and to play any spade you chose, when it became your turn to follow to the trick.

## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Dodsworth", with Paul Lukas, Mary Astor, Ruth Chatterton and David Niven. The absorbing and dramatic story of a hard working, easy-going American husband who retired to travel and find himself but instead found out his selfish and frivolous wife.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"It Happened One Night", with Clarke Gable and Claudette Colbert. One of the best of old favourites, Worth seeing again.

AT THE KING'S—"Parnell", with Clark Gable and Myrna Loy. The account of a courageous man who surrenders fame and fortune and power for the woman he loves. Primarily a narrative of Ireland, it is let international in scope.

AT THE QUEENS—"Exclusive", with Fred MacMurray, Frances Farmer

and Charlie Ruggles. With the battle between two rival newspapers as its background, the story concerns the sacrifice a father is forced to make when he must choose between the strict adherence of the newspaper code or the betrayal of his own daughter.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Yellowstone", with Henry Hunter and Judith Barret. The great Geyser murder mystery. The narrative revolves about the historical incident in Spring Creek Canyon where one of the most notable stage coach holdups of the West occurred.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"West Bound Limited", with Lyle Talbot and Polly Rowles. The throbbing excitement of a railroad story is the central theme of the plot. There is plenty of excitement and a runaway train rushing along at high speed provides one of the many tense scenes.

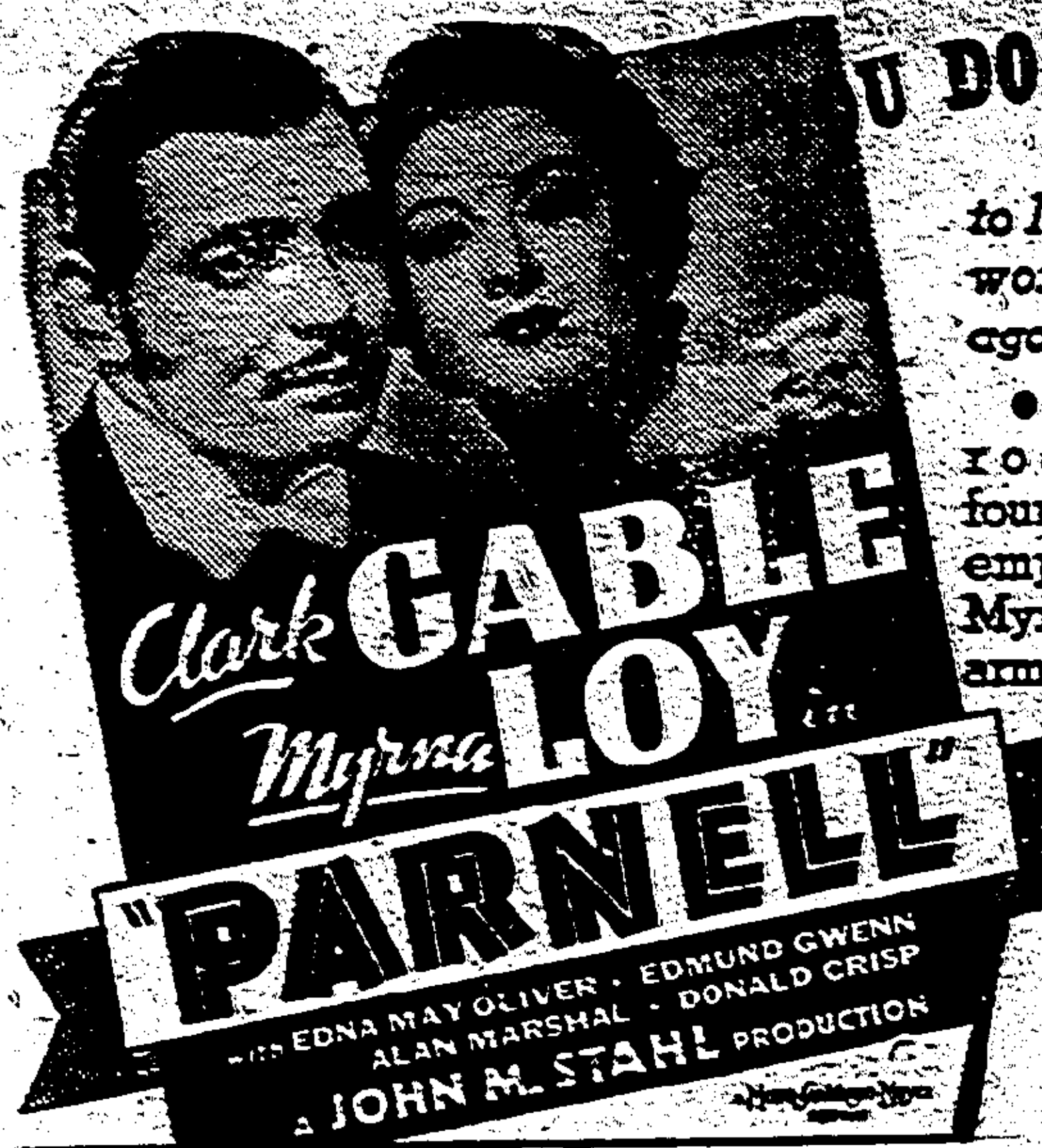


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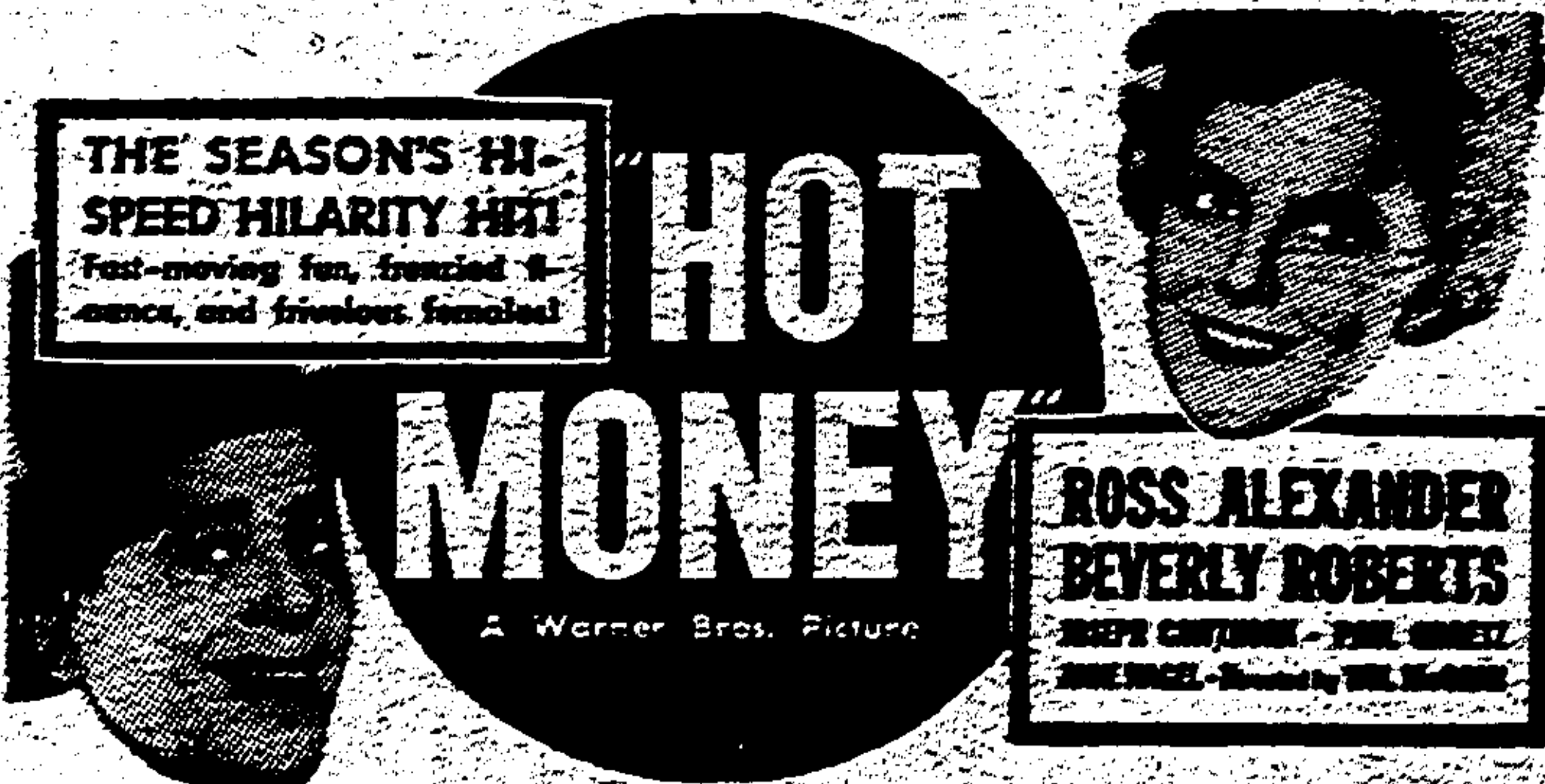
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London, To-day.

The following League football  
matches were played yesterday:

### FIRST DIVISION

Bolton	3	Blackpool	0
Charlton	0	Grimsby	0
Preston	1	Brentford	1
Stoke	4	W. Bromwich	0
Wolves	2	Derby Co.	2

### SECOND DIVISION

Villa	4	Luton	1
Barnsley	3	Newcastle	0
Bradford	3	Norwich	0
Burnley	2	Spurs	1
Chesterfield	5	Southampton	0
Fulham	0	Wednesday	0
Sheffield U.	2	Bury	1
Stockport	1	Notts Forest	0
Swansea	0	West Ham	0

### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Northampton	2	Bristol R.	0
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### THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	2	Hartlepool	1
Hull	4	Barrow	0
Lincoln	7	Wrexham	1
Oldham	3	Darlington	0
Rotherham	4	Halifax	1

—Reuter.

## SIX KILLED IN ELECTION CLASHES

Buenos Aires, To-day.

The Argentine presidential elec-  
tion was held yesterday but the  
result will not be known for at  
least ten days.

The Government candidate holds  
a majority in the country districts  
but his Radical opponent is com-  
manding more votes in the capital  
and the cities.

Six people have been killed in  
clashes between the two parties,  
but later an official Government  
statement said the situation was  
calm.

It is understood the Buenos Aires  
police unearthed a plot, shortly be-  
fore the election began, to assassinate  
the Cabinet Ministers, create a  
military revolt and capture public  
buildings. —Reuter.

## FOREIGNERS SHOT WHILE IN "NO MAN'S LAND"

Shanghai, Sept. 3.

Two foreigners — one a German,  
another a Czechoslovakian — were  
in Paulun Hospital yesterday after-  
noon after being shot and wounded  
by Chinese soldiers on Kiangwan

Road.  
They were: A. Canetti, wound-  
ed in the right arm and left leg,  
with contusions over the left eye;  
A. Berg, bullet wounds in the left  
leg, head and abdomen.

While the wounds were describ-  
ed as painful by Japanese Naval  
surgeons who attended the wound-  
ed men, they are not believed to  
be fatal.

Mr. Canetti, a Czech, was the  
driver of a car flying the Czechos-  
lovakian flag that dashed past Ja-  
panese positions in Kiangwan  
Road and proceeded at a fast clip  
towards the Chinese lines. In the  
car were Mr. Berg and Mr. H. Ross.  
All three are employees of Telge  
and Schroeter, German machinery  
importers with offices at 620 Sze-  
chuen Road.

### Ordered To Halt

As the car neared the last Ja-  
panese line before "no man's land,"  
a Japanese sentry ordered the  
driver to halt. Because of momen-  
tum he was unable to stop in time.

Barely had the car crossed the  
Japanese sandbag line than a ma-  
chine-gun spluttered from the  
Chinese lines opposite. The two  
passengers in the car were seen to  
jump out and lie near the road.  
When firing ceased, one of the men  
attempted to return to the car. He  
again drew Chinese fire.

Japanese sailors who had watch-  
ed this short drama, rushed to the  
scene and dragged in two men.  
They were Mr. Canetti and Mr.  
Berg.

### Quick Treatment

Emergency treatment was given  
the wounded by a Japanese sur-  
geon who was fortunately on the  
spot making his daily rounds for a  
health check-up. A Japanese na-  
val ambulance was called and the  
wounded taken to the Japanese  
Naval Hospital adjoining the Land-  
ing Party Headquarters.

Mr. Ross, who was unharmed,  
was taken to the Naval Landing  
Party Headquarters where he was  
questioned by Capt. Risaburo Fu-  
jita, chief of staff.

## FRANCO-FRANCO CLASH

Paris, To-day.

The French Government has de-  
cided to withdraw the order of  
expulsion served on various  
Spanish Nationalist personalities  
residing in Biarritz, says the paper  
"Epoque."

The paper adds that the decision  
can be attributed to General  
Franco's threat to take reprisals  
if the expulsion order was carried  
out. —Trans-Ocean.

Mo Sing-to, aged 10, was yester-  
day removed to Queen Mary Hos-  
pital suffering from a fractured  
skull. He fell from a tree in  
Wanchai.

Wong Yuen received fatal in-  
juries and died at the Queen Mary  
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## COAL MINE EXPLOSION DISASTER

Sofia, To-day.  
Forty miners were trapped beneath the surface following an explosion which occurred yesterday in a coal mine in South Bulgaria.

Thirty-one of the men have been rescued but the others, including the mine manager, are still missing.

Little hope is now held out of their being rescued. — Trans-Ocean.

## R.A.F. CREW'S NORTH SEA ADVENTURE

London, To-day.

The crew of a Royal Air Force flyingboat which made a forced landing in the North Sea yesterday and was drifting helplessly for some hours have safely landed at Scarborough.

They had been rescued by a Dutch fishing boat and came ashore wearing clothes and wooden clogs borrowed from the Dutchmen.

While they were taking part in exercises in the North Sea, one of the two engines of the flyingboat failed and after the machine had limped along for some miles on the remaining engine, a petrol pipe broke. Drifting on the edge of the Dogger Bank with a gale of wind and very heavy seas threatening to swamp the boat, the crew had to wait one and half hours before a Dutch fishing boat came to the rescue and it was then nearly two hours before a rope could be got to them. The first tow rope broke but eventually the flyingboat was got in tow and the fishing boat headed for Scarborough. It was getting dark and sea water had entered the flying boat and put the wireless out of action, so the officer in command decided to get his men to safety on the fishing boat. They roped themselves together and jumped into the sea to be hauled 30 yards through the waves to the rescue ship. — British Wireless.

## BRITAIN'S APPROACH ON ABYSSINIA

London, To-day.

The British Charge d'Affaires in Rome, Mr. E. M. B. Ingram, has been instructed to enter into conversations with the Italian Foreign Office regarding the Abyssinian question, it is stated here.

Political circles in London believe that Mr. Ingram has enquired whether Italy would be prepared to return to Geneva and resume her normal activities in the League.

It is stated that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, gave an evasive reply, pointing out that Italy would desire to raise the question of the Spanish civil war at Geneva in order to obtain recognition of General Franco as a belligerent. — Trans-Ocean.

## Appeal For Blind Girls

The Christ Church Group of the V.D.M.A. acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations towards the eleventh annual outing for the inmates of the Industrial Home for Blind Girls which is to be held on Saturday, 25th September. Previously acknowledged \$27.  
The Rev. L. L. and Mrs. Nash 10.  
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Mrs. Whitfield 2.

Total \$44.

Further donations and loan of cars are solicited and may be sent addressed to Mr. E. S. Cunningham, C/o Colonial Secretary's Office, Hong Kong. The organisers are, of course, fully aware that the local public are greatly concerned over, and their attention directed to, the state of affairs now existing in Shanghai and North China, but at the same time let us not forget the existence of these unfortunate ones for whom these outings are organised annually during the autumn.

Mrs. P. L. Moreland, of Shanghai, accompanied by her two children, Prentiss and Patsy, arrived in the Colony this morning in the S. S. Sphinx. The children are going to school here, and Mrs. Moreland will make an indefinite stay in the Colony, residing with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smith, at Kowloon Tong.

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## NUREMBURG CONGRESS

London, To-day.

This year's Nazi Party Congress at Nuremburg attracts much attention in the British press.

Important statements by Herr Hitler on German foreign policy are expected, the impending visit to the Reich of Signor Mussolini being taken as indication that these statements will refer to Italo-German co-operation.

The fact that the British Ambassador for the first time is attending the Congress, is generally emphasized.

Commenting on the Ambassador's presence, the "Morning Post" says that those critics of this step either do not know, or would like to forget, that since 1933 no comparison could be made between the German Nazi Party and political parties in England.

### STATE FUNCTION

The Nazi Party had actually taken over legislative as well as executive functions of the State.

The Congress therefore was a State function, in which the head of the State, the entire Cabinet, army and police chiefs, leading diplomats and all the Party leaders participated.

It will be surprising, the journal says, if no decisions of far-reaching importance for Germany and her neighbours are not announced at the Conference.

It was therefore advisable that the British Ambassador joined the Diplomatic Corps at the Congress.

## Lord Tweedsmuir Tour Of Canada

Ottawa, To-day.

The Governor-General of Canada, Lord Tweedsmuir, returned to Ottawa yesterday from a 12,000-mile tour of north and west Canada.

He followed the identical trail laid by Alexander Mackenzie nearly 100 years ago.—Reuter.

## VALENCIA OFFER IN SUBMARINE PROBLEM

London, To-day.

Venue of the Mediterranean Conference was chosen as the result of Britain's initiative, declare the London newspapers.

Britain, it is said, insisted that Geneva was not a suitable place for the conference, as it would have probably led to German and Italian refusal to co-operate.

The papers declare that the British proposals at the Conference have already been decided upon, and they will be discussed for the last time at Wednesday's Cabinet meeting.

The "Daily Mail" says that the Valencia Government has declared itself willing to place its submarines under international control, provided that the Nationalists do the same.—Trans-Ocean.

## ITALIAN PACT WITH YEMEN

Rome, To-day.

The new pact of amity between Italy and the Yemen, it is declared in authoritative quarters here, continues Italy's traditional policy in the Red Sea, that is, to respect the sovereignty and integrity of States bordering on the Sea.

It is pointed out that a similar pact has also been concluded with the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.—Trans-Ocean.

### TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Madrid, To-day.

The commander-in-chief of the Republican troops on the Aragon front made a triumphal entry into Belchite yesterday, accompanied by staff officers, says a Defence Ministry communique.

He was cheered enthusiastically by the Republican troops.

Admission that the Nationalists have retired from Belchite is made in Salamanca, though it is stated

## SINCERE CO. MURDER TRIAL OPENS

The "Sincere Company Murder Case", opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Sir Atholl MacGregor, when Mr. Li Fuk-Chong, Manager of the Sincere Perfumery Manufactory, and Au Hing, 37-year-old unemployed, faced trial in connection with the murder of the late Mr. David Chan See (Chan Lai-tsun), Managing Director of the Sincere Company, Limited.

First accused was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, and the second by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. J. Wyatt, Assistant Attorney General.

The jury comprised Messrs. C. M. Hall (Foreman), Yue Ping-yui, Yuen Cheung-wan, Law Kwai-cheong, J. Akber, M. Maa and P. P. Archipoff.

The Crown alleged that first accused was in debt to the Company to the extent of \$5,400, and thus his position as Chief Manager of the Perfumery was very precarious while Mr. Chan See was Managing Director. It was alleged that first accused made an appointment with Ko Wah-tak, formerly employed in the Insurance Department, at his office in Kennedy Town.

### RETURN FOR FAVOURS

In the course of conversation, he reminded Ko of various favours he had done for him while he was employed in the Insurance Department, told Ko that he had quarrelled with Chan, and feared that this would result in his being dismissed. To prevent this he wanted someone to do Chan an injury.

Mr. Sheldon related how, it was alleged, Ko re-newed acquaintance with Leung Wong, who procured the services of the second accused, Au Hing, to stab Chan.

Au Hing agreed to stab Chan for a sum of \$25.

### IDENTIFIED AT FERRY

Ko, Leung Wong and second accused waited at Star Ferry on the night of May 13 for Mr. Chan See to cross the harbour. When he landed from the ferry, Ko pointed him out to Leung and Au, after which the three boarded a taxi and proceeded to the vicinity of South Wall Road.

They waited until the bus conveying Chan arrived, and when Chan, after alighting from the bus, was crossing Prince Edward Road, Au went up to him from behind and stabbed him twice.

The party then returned to the taxi and returned to Hong Kong by the vehicular ferry.

### WITNESS WARNED

Ko Wah-tak, who was originally charged in the lower court, was together with Leung Wong granted a conditional pardon on turning King's evidence.

In the witness box this morning he was warned by the Chief Justice that the pardon would be withdrawn if he (the Chief Justice) was satisfied that witness had withheld evidence or had given false evidence.

The case is continuing.

The Nationalists are holding out in houses on the outskirts of the town.—Trans-Ocean.

## MARIST PRIESTS' RANSOM

Peiping, To-day.

Four of the fourteen Marist monks who were recently kidnapped by Chinese bandits, arrived here yesterday in an exhausted condition after having been released by their captors.

They bore with them a letter from the bandits demanding a ransom of \$3,000 for release of the other ten captives.—Trans-Ocean.

## GOVERNMENT ONSLAUGHT AT SARAGOSSA

San Sebastian, To-day.

A fierce battle is now raging on the Aragon front, particularly at Saragossa, where the Government forces are desperately defending their positions, notably around Belchite.

This battle may prove to be a decisive clash.

If the Government line is cut near Ternel, the Nationalist forces would be able to sever Madrid's link with the Mediterranean, while if a break occurred in the direction of Lerida, efforts would be made to persuade the Catalans to throw up the sponge.—Reuter.

### REBEL REPORT

Santander, To-day.

The latest summary of the position on the Spanish fronts made by Nationalist headquarters says that the advance beyond Santander has made such good progress that a strip of coast only about 60 miles in length, remains in the possession of the Basque forces.

It is also stated that the rapid land advance on Gijon is helping to make the blockade of the sea coast by Nationalist warships more and more effective.—Trans-Ocean

## SEIZURE OF STEAMER BURLINGTON

London, To-day.

Reports from Spain state that the British tanker Burlington has been intercepted by a Spanish Nationalist cruiser off the Catalan coast and compelled to proceed to Palma de Mallorca.

The Burlington, which was flying the British flag but is said to have been chartered by the Valencia Government, was bound for Cartagena when the seizure took place.

The British Ambassador at Hendaye has been instructed to protest against the seizure.

The incident is prominently featured in the London newspapers, which state that the Burlington was registered up to August 20 in the Greek shipping register under the name of Nausica.

After obtaining British registration the tanker's name was changed to Burlington.

She is said to have been carrying a cargo of oil.

The "Evening Standard" calls the affair "rather mysterious."—Trans-Ocean.



# JAPANESE AIR BASE ON PRATAS

Sensational First-Hand Story Of Naval Raid  
REFUGEES NOW IN COLONY  
TELL OF TORTURE

## WIRELESS STATION SYSTEMATICALLY WRECKED

("CHINA MAIL" EXCLUSIVE)

Sensational revelations, including definite evidence of serious Japanese losses in their engagement with the Amoy Forts, were furnished to the "China Mail" this morning, when the first direct information was supplied by refugees from the Pratas Islands, concerning the Japanese naval raid on the islands and seizure of the atoll.

The grim story was brought to the Colony this morning by the staff of the Sea Products Company, an organisation controlled by Mr. George Bing, which has been trading from the Pratas for some time.

Amazing stories of Japanese atrocities are revealed. Both the light-house staff and members of the Sea Products Company were tortured and browbeaten and at least three are missing, believed to be dead.

Most interesting is the news garnered by the No. 1 of the company by the aid of a slight knowledge of Japanese. Two of the destroyers, which had just taken part in the raid on Amoy, brought ashore some 20 of their dead and cremated them on the Island.

They also landed some 500 cases of aviation spirit and announced their intention of turning the sheltered lagoon at Pratas into a seaplane base.

The destroyers were seen to leave shortly after the Sea Products staff had been liberated in a small boat, and made off in the direction of Swatow leaving a garrison of marines together with various machine guns and anti-aircraft guns.

Interviewed this morning, Cheung Chi, No. 1 of the Sea Products Company said.

### FRIDAY MORNING

"On Friday morning, the trouble first started. One Japanese destroyer appeared off the Island and anchored off the shore. A large party of marines then landed, bringing with them, two machine guns and two anti-aircraft guns.

"They first surrounded the Wireless Station and then forced the inmates to open up to them. They entered the building and without any reason that was at all apparent, turned everything up-side-down.

### PLACE WRECKED

Bedding, chairs, desks, were turned over and wrecked, curtains were torn down. Their work of destruction completed, all the light-house staff were taken out of the building and made to kneel down in an empty space. Machine-guns were then trained on the thorough-ly terrified men who thought they were about to be shot.

"Meanwhile, a party of marines had made their way to the Admin-

istration Building of the Sea-Products Company and driven all the occupants to where the lighthouse people were still kneeling and forced them to do likewise. The names of all the men were then taken down and they were all herded into the lighthouse and locked up in a tiny room. All the other rooms had since been taken over by the Japanese garrison.

### FORMAL POSSESSION

The following morning, Saturday, the officer commanding the Japanese destroyer, formally took possession of the Island. At noon an accusation was levelled at the Light-house occupants that they had been concealing arms. Upon Director Lee King-long, refusing to divulge the whereabouts, he was taken out of the building, and a sharp knife tied by means of a towel in a vertical position on the crown of his head, while a muscular marine stood behind him with a hammer, with which he threatened to drive the knife deep into his skull should the answers not prove satisfactory.

### TORTURE

"Not satisfied with this, two marines held bayonets at his sides, while a Japanese officer belaboured the unfortunate man with his fists.

"What was the outcome of the torture, I am not able to say because my turn came along.

### MR. BING THREATENED

"I was questioned as to the whereabouts of Mr. Bing, who, the Japanese said they knew was on the island. In point of fact, Mr. Bing had visited the Island with the light-house relief but had left on the 31st.

"The Japanese alleged that Mr. Bing had been reported to have ill-treated Japanese fishermen who had, at various times put in to the island. They said they were going to shoot him without further ado when they caught him.

"I told the Japanese commander that Mr. Bing had left the Island but he accused me of lying and I was then tied up in the same way as the director after I had been beaten for some time — expecting death any second at the hands of the marine with the hammer standing behind me — they desisted on being told the Hong Kong address of Mr. Bing.

### NIGHT TERRORISM

"At 10 p.m. I really thought that this time I was to be killed. I was once again led out and questioned about the alleged bad treatment of the fishermen.

"After this, the entire party of prisoners was led out into the empty space which we now all viewed with horror, and the same procedure repeated being forced to kneel down in front of the gaping muzzles of the machine-guns.

### NERVOUS WRECKS

"This procedure carried on several times in the course of the night and we were all nervous wrecks by morning.

"The next morning, Sunday, all the lighthouse staff were ordered to don full uniforms and with us were taken out in motor-boats to the destroyer. The other destroyer was patrolling the Island.

"The lighthouse staff, who are naval men, were then placed in the brig, as prisoners of war and we were told that we could take the small motor-boat — the other four on the island had been destroyed — and make for Hong Kong. We were only allowed five tins of gasoline, however. On begging for more, as five tins would not take us any part of the distance, we were given 15 more and eventually set off on our voyage.

### FIRED ON

When we were a few hundred yards away, we heard the crash of guns but fortunately no shells fell near us and can only thank our good fortune to the bad marksmanship of the naval gunners.

"While the Japanese were on the Island, I heard them say — I understand a little Japanese — that they were going to turn the island into a seaplane base and for that purpose we were forced to assist in the landing of some 500 cases of aviation spirit.

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# THE P. & O. 1837-1937

## The Story Of A Great Steamship Line

THIS year the centenary is being celebrated of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, known everywhere as the P. and O. The company was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1840, but its board, management, and fleet were precisely the same as that of the enterprise which was formed in 1837 as the Peninsular Steam Navigation Company.

The P. and O. can look back with pride to a century of great history, and the part it has played in the communication and development of the Empire has been a conspicuous one. The first steamer sent by the company round the Cape of Good Hope to inaugurate the service between Suez and Calcutta was the *Hindustan*, a paddle vessel of nearly 2,000 tons, whose sailing from this country was regarded as an important national event.

One point on which the company is justly proud is that not once during the War did their mail steamers deviate from their usual course through the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal. During the five years ending with July, 1919, the company had over 200 mail sailings from London to Bombay, and as a matter of fact nine more in the other direction. Though enemy submarines were constantly active in the Channel and the Mediterranean, no P. & O. ship tried to elude them by going round the Cape.

Naturally, like every other line, the company suffered heavily. Seventeen steamers were lost, but these have all been replaced by large vessels.

The question is frequently asked, to which country does the word "Peninsular" refer? It has nothing to do with India, but relates to the

Iberian or Spanish peninsula. In like manner the P. & O. flag incorporates the old Spanish colours, red and yellow, but actually the flag, diagonally quartered blue and white over yellow and red, represents the Royal colours of Portugal and of Spain at the time the company was founded. The company originated from the activities of two shipowning partners, Willcox and Anderson, who began business in 1815 at a time when the word "Peninsular" was a household one because of the long struggles of the Peninsular War. The partners assisted the Queens of Portugal and Spain with chartered ships at the time of the insurrections against them, and when the Spanish Government wished to establish a line of steamers from this country, the two partners, in recognition of their services, were given the management of the ships.

This line was founded in 1834 as the "Peninsular Service," and a service of steamers was inaugurated to Vigo, Oporto, Lisbon, and Gibraltar. By 1835-36 a fleet of steamers was running, including two which were advertised as "the largest and most powerful steamships afloat." Big they were, no doubt, for those days, but they would seem small in modern eyes, for the largest, the *Don Juan*, was of little over 800 tons burden.

History was made no August 22nd, 1837, when a contract was signed with the Admiralty for the transport of mails by steamer to the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. The opening of the Suez Canal in 1870 meant that at one swoop the transport of mails by steamer to enormous organization of the P. and

The quarter of a century which followed was another period of continuous advance in the character and dimensions of the P. & O. steamers. The *Naldora* and *Narkunda* were projected in 1913, but because of the War they were not brought into normal service until 1920. These are of 16,000 tons. The past fifteen years have also been marked by great progress, for the company has built five liners of over 20,000 tons. The latest, the *Strathmore*, is a 23,423-ton twin-screw turbine-driven vessel. The policy of the company, as stated by the chairman, Mr. Alexander Shaw, is to provide the most suitable vessels in the light of marine engineering and naval architecture for the tropical seas they are called upon to sail. Undoubtedly the most picturesque period in the company's history was when the "overland route" was being worked, although conditions were not always pleasant for passengers, for Egypt knew nothing of hotels in those days. The company had to provide coaling stations, docks, stores, and supplies of fresh water. Passengers were landed at Alexandria, then taken down to Cairo on the Nile. Next followed 100 miles of absolute desert to Suez. Caravans numbering more than 3,000 camels were required to transport the cargo and mails of a single steamer but the merchandise—indigo, tea, silk, and precious metals—were so valuable that it made this expensive form of transport practicable. The merchandise carried often exceeded in value £40,000,000 a year.

### THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

THIS is a yachting story. We left the pier at about 2.30 p.m. on Sunday. We were drawing about 3 ft. 6 in. aft, three inches less forward, and corks amidship. Wind was from the N.E. and freshening. Large junk unloading large cases obstructing pier steps, we reached our vessel by way of a smaller junk that had an unloading lime. Crew's first watch was spent in removing lime and empty bottles. The Skipper, so called not because he can skip but because he was the only man on board with a yachting cap, was fixing fishing lines, tying on hooks and sinkers, and swearing at the bait.

September 5.—Course N. W. by N. Wind, still from the N. E. and freshening. Water coming aboard on the starboard bow. Ulysses caught broaching cargo. Skipper ordered him put in irons. No irons available, so was put in log instead.

September 5.—Land sighted on the port bow. Signs of a city of considerable size, with smoke, noise and other indications of industrial activity. After consulting chart, it was held to be Kowloon. Course altered one point to starboard, to clear a point. Wind and sea increasing, and several cupfuls of water being shipped. Skipper ordered mizzen fore upper topsail taken in. Crew unable to find it, second officer decided to consider it as taken in.

Sept. 5.—Vessel rolling heavily, and ballast shifted. Inspection showed that no less than four bottles had been shifted. Ulysses very helpful, urging crew to trust in Providence, which would in no wise desert us. Course altered to almost due West.

Sept. 5.—Land sighted ahead. Sea moderated. Approached at half

speed. Turned out to be island not marked on chart, and indistinguishable from mainland until close to. Circumnavigated it examining coast for a likely landing place. Skipper having decided to send an exploration party ashore. Found small beach on westward side, with two and a half fathoms within biscuit toss. Having tossed biscuit, anchored in the lee, and manned the captain's gig. Landing party, well-armed, went off in her.

September 5.—Shore party returned at 5.30. None missing but some looking sick. Rumours soon spread throughout ship, and things were said about bad joss. Mutiny feared, but all worked willingly to get away from island. Anchor weighed before 6. Nearly four cat-ties. Course E. by ½ S. with heavy seas, and a freshening breeze. In 22 deg. N. lat. and 113½ E. long. Spoke a two-master but got no answer. She was heading South, full and by, believed manned by local militia. Made landfall before dark. Skipper jammed a finger nail in one of the cabin ports, and knocked his head on the skylight. Bad joss beginning to work. Whose turn next? May God preserve us.

September 5.—Fetched pier and disembarked passengers. All safe but thirsty. End of log.

A bit of high-powered American descriptive writing:

"Darkness fell in clumps like raindrops until night had consumed the city. A breeze, feeble as an old man, puffed along and rustled the dry leaves on the trees, and tapped on windows and hummed around corners. In front of a tall office building it stopped and died in the shadowy hours."

## By E. R. Yarham

Peninsular ports. Previously the O.'s overland route was rendered useless, while at the same time the fleet was rendered practically obsolete. The word "Oriental" was added to the title when the Royal Charter was granted, subject to the provision etc., rendered useless, but it was that the service should be extended to Egypt and that within two years to do the whole voyage in one run, one or more of the company's vessels should be serving the ports of the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.

The year 1840 saw the extension of the mail service to Egypt, and two years later the company built the *Hindustan* for the India service when it secured the valuable India mail contract. The mails for India were taken to Egypt, and then thence by what was long known as "the overland route," to Suez, by the trade of the Far East, and were sent out round the Cape took up the new waterway run between Suez and India.

Happily the storm was successfully weathered, and with the building following its incorporation were of new and faster steamers prospering years of notable expansion for the company, for in 1845 it extended its services to the Straits Settlements and Hong Kong, in 1852 to Australia, and in 1864 to Japan. But the period between 1870 and 1888, the former year marking the opening of the Suez Canal, and the latter the date when the Post Office removed its restrictions on taking the mails by steamer through the Canal, was a difficult one. The directors had to revise the company's financial resources, to create a new fleet, despite reduced profits, and at one time vanished. Their difficulties were not lessened by the refusal of the Post Office to allow the mails to be taken through the Canal, and the objection was not finally overcome until 1888, and then the subsidy was reduced. Foreign rivals were also bidding for the trade of the Far East, and were able to take full advantage of the new waterway.

Swift shuttles of an Empire's loom that weave us main to main."



# DARE-TO-DIE BRIGADE RECAPTURE PAOSHAN

Japan's Big Push Fails To Make Real Headway

## SWIFT CHINESE COUNTERSTROKE ON YANGTSE LINE

Shanghai, To-day.

Although the Japanese assert that the big push is not yet under way, the biggest battles of the Sino-Japanese conflict raged on all sectors yesterday as the Japanese operating from Yangtsepoo in the direction of Woosung used machine-guns, trench mortars, light and heavy artillery, navy guns and bombers in an attempt to demoralise the Chinese forces.

The Chinese resisted stubbornly. They may have given a little ground in the Yangtsepoo sector, as the Japanese assert, but on all other fronts their lines remained intact.

Meanwhile the Chinese claim to have frustrated a Japanese attempt to land troops at Liuho. They also say that the Japanese troops in Paoshan are being hotly pressed and that Chinese capture of the town is imminent.—Reuter.

### PAOSHAN RECAPTURED

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese claim the recapture of the walled city of Paoshan after a fierce counter-attack led by the "dare to die" battalion.

Meanwhile Chinese planes have heavily bombed the Japanese off Woosung and scored direct hits on two destroyers and one cruiser, according to official reports.

It is added that severe Japanese attacks in the Yangtsepoo and Hongkew sectors were repulsed, the Chinese positions remaining unchanged.—Reuter.

### S'HAU CARNAGE

Little Change In Position

Shanghai, To-day.

Yesterday's fighting in the Shanghai area is described as one of the most bloodiest witnessed since the commencement of hostilities. While the Japanese regular troops supported by marines were launching a fierce attack on the Chinese lines outside Yangtsepoo, about twenty Japanese warships lying in formation on the Whangpoo River simultaneously opened up fire to cover the landing of Japanese troops at the Jukong Wharf with the object of effecting a conjunction with their comrades in the Woosung area.

Up to last evening, the Chinese and Japanese lines showed no important change.

The Japanese warships in the Whangpoo were the targets of a Chinese air attack last evening and two of them struck by bombs, according to an official communique.—Hua Nan.

### CHINESE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Slight Advance Near Lotien Chen

Shanghai, To-day.

A communique issued by Chinese headquarters this morning says that in spite of the heavy fighting, there has been no change in the lines.

The Chinese achieved a slight advance near Lotien, while a Japanese attempt to land near Potang was repulsed.

Supreme military headquarters have been established in Nanking, so that the Chinese army, navy and air force will in future be under a single command.—Trans-Ocean.

### MARTIAL LAW AT BOCCA TIGRIS

Ships Liable To Examination

Canton, To-day.

Following yesterday's developments, martial law has been declared in the Bocca Tigris region.

### WEIGHTY MATTERS

London, To-day.

The discoverer of heavy hydrogen and heavy water has now isolated heavy nitrogen, which has an atomic weight fifteen times heavier than ordinary nitrogen.

The discoverer is at present able to produce one-third of a pint of the new substance per day.—Reuter.

## JAPAN AND NEW BID FOR NEUTRAL ZONE

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese Embassy considers the joint British, American and French proposals for a neutral zone at Shanghai to be unsuitable.

The Embassy believes that creation of a neutral zone on the Whangpoo River simultaneously with the withdrawal of the Japanese warships, would not increase the security of the International Settlement, while on the other hand, it would seriously impede the Japanese military operations.

The Embassy, however, hints that the Japanese may themselves shortly put up another proposal regarding creation of a neutral zone, to be accompanied by withdrawal of the Japanese warships.—Trans-Ocean.

## ANOTHER VIEW ON REFUGEE QUESTION

Shanghai, To-day.

Statements alleged to have been made in a broadcast from Hong Kong recently, to the effect that conditions are generally quieter in Shanghai and that refugees now in the Colony may soon be able to return, are criticised by an official of the British Consulate-General.

According to the "North China Daily News," the official stated that at present it would be most inadvisable for refugees to return, as the situation might become more serious at any moment.—Reuter.

and all ships passing are subject to examination.

In the meantime, reports from Swatow indicate that foreigners in the port are preparing to evacuate.

Special protection corps are being organised for night patrol of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.—Our Own Correspondent.

## HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING AT PAOSHAN

Shanghai, To-day.

In the course of the Chinese counter-attack, which resulted in the recapture of Paoshan, the "dare to die" battalions were most prominent in hand to hand combat.

The night was quiet until 2.40 this morning, when desultory firing broke out, which was later succeeded by a steady cannonading.

At daybreak, a squadron of Japanese planes was sent out on a bombing expedition, concentrating especially on the Chinese lines at Liangwan and Yangtsepoo.

Japanese scouts unsuccessfully tried to locate the elusive Chinese batteries in Pootung, into which the Japanese warships loosed a few shells at dawn.—Reuter.

### BATTLE STILL RAGING

Shanghai, To-day.

The biggest battle of the war is still raging, though artillery fire seems to have replaced infantry fighting for the time being.

Chinese guns in Kiangwan and Japanese pieces in Yangtsepoo are blazing away at each other without ceasing, each apparently being unable to silence the other.

The explosion of the shells, some of them of large calibre, is literally shaking Shanghai.

Most intensive bombardment was at 5.30 this morning, when the shelling rose to terrific heights, leading to the opinion of observers in the Settlement that a Japanese attack was about to be launched.

This failed to materialise, however.—Trans-Ocean.

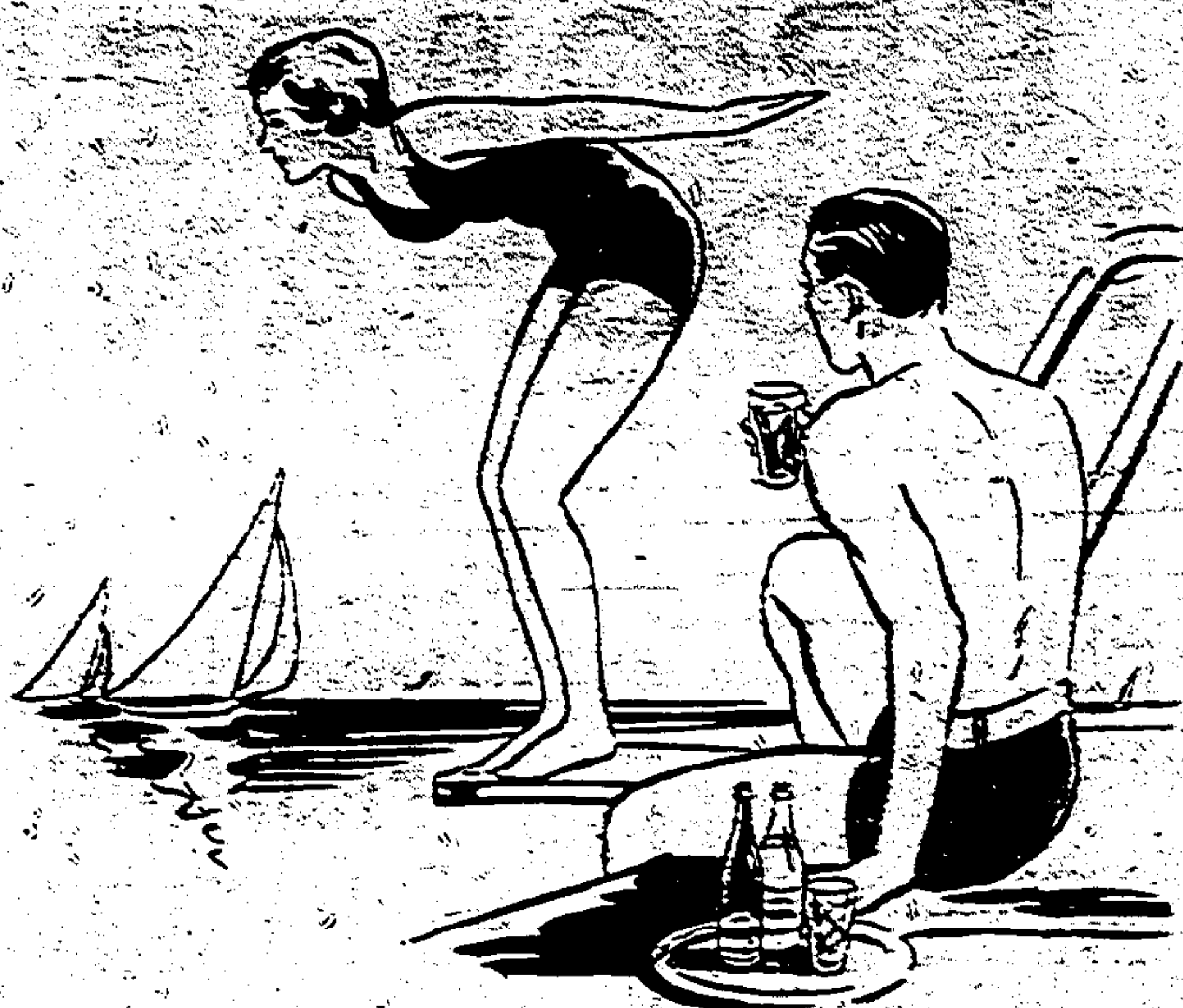
## UNEMPLOYED FEWER

London, To-day.

Unemployment was down again last month. The Ministry of Labour estimates at August 23 show that the number of insured persons in employment in Great Britain, exclusive of persons within the agricultural scheme, was approximately 11,562,000. This was 45,000 more than the year before. At the same date, the numbers of registered unemployed were 1,358,621, comprising 1,088,885 wholly unemployed, 205,371 temporary laid off, and 64,365 normally in casual employment. This was 20,858 less than July 26 and 255,319 less than at August 24, 1936.—British Wire.

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Hong Kong, Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1937.

## BLOCKADE OF THE DELTA

The short space of 24 hours since the announcement of extension of the Japanese blockade to include Canton and points farther south has sufficed to demonstrate the gravity of the step from Hong Kong's point of view. Our links with the hinterland are far too close for us to be able to deceive ourselves regarding Japan's ability to blockade Canton without, indirectly, blockading Hong Kong too. It is true that the Japanese naval proclamation stated that waters belonging to the leased territories of third Powers, presumably meaning Hong Kong and Macao, would be exempted from the proscribed zone. But analysed it does not make sense. There can be no prohibition of Chinese shipping movements within a fifty mile radius of the waters of the Colony which does not seriously prejudice the Colony's vital sources of food supply, of our eggs, cattle and fresh vegetables, for instance. If this were not perturbing enough, there is plenty of evidence that a Japanese destroyer passed through Hong Kong territorial waters on its way to the bombardment of Chekwan, and the incident of the Taishan contains cause for further anxiety despite the fact that there was no direct interference with the ship.

Shipping in the Canton delta must obviously be of vital concern to British interests whether it be Chinese or foreign, and Japanese action in bringing it virtually to a standstill, carries the Sino-Japanese war unpleasantly close to our door. The next step threatened, an attempt to cut the Canton-Kowloon Railway, if it should come about, would constitute an act of isolation of this Colony to which the term unpermissible would, in other times, have been a mild one to apply.

To-day, while we can be assured that yesterday's events, including discovery of the seizure of the Pratas Islands, will have furnished the British Cabinet with a serious problem to add to the other considerations dictating its present policy in the Far East, the general impression is that the only action possible is one that will enable us to cover our embarrassment.

The tragedy of that is not so much that the Colony may be compelled to tighten its belt, or find other sources of supply at tremendously greater cost, though that would be serious enough, but rather lies in the knowledge that every action which the Japanese find they can venture and get away with, will encourage them to further encroachments upon third Power interests. It is a prospect of increasing aggravation that Britain and Hong Kong must be prepared to contemplate, and we, for our part, cannot find ourselves facing it in any spirit of equanimity.

## In Japan

Most of the news of the moment in the Far East is so exceedingly grim and ominous that it seems almost a touch of light relief to read of "A Domestic Crisis in Tokyo," which is concerned with a growing scarcity of reliable maidservants. The details of the trouble sound remarkably European—there is so much new employment for young women in factories and offices that it is difficult to persuade them to undertake domestic duties. Servants are hard to find and, when they have been found, they do not stay; as in Saki's famous remark, "She was a good cook, as cooks go, and as cooks go, she went."

It will be interesting to see what the Japanese Government is able to do (if anything) with this urgent crisis on the home front. It is one thing to take a stern line with outsiders like the Chinese, or to undersell effete European manufacturers in their own home markets. It is another and probably a much more difficult one to solve that familiar perplexity of the Western world "the domestic servant problem." The process of Westernisation is not all a matter of more firearms and factories; other obligations arise and clamour to be dealt with. There will be a certain irony if Japan, so sure that she is master on the military side, should yet have to admit that she cannot make herself mistress of the rebellious maid.

## Better Off as Cats

Unwanted dogs used to be one of the problems of the former Constantinople; too many stray cats, which hunt in packs apparently, is the later Istanbul's nuisance. So they are now being killed off by the hundred, most of them (says one report) being scientifically put to death by "the Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals." The slip is one of those which are liable to occur in the best regulated news-sheets, and at one time it might have been argued that some sort of a body for the protection of cruelty to animals must have played a considerable part in Eastern conventions. But other times, other manners: the fact that the cats of Istanbul are being "scientifically exterminated" shows how far the advance has proceeded.

Meantime it is an interesting commentary that cats are scarce of a more civilised land in Turkey than many harmless non-combatants in China.



# JAPAN'S REPLY TO NOTE

## "No Tangible Proof Of Japanese Responsibility"

### ASTOUNDING SPEECHES IN DIET DENOTE ATTITUDE

#### SEIYUKAI LEADER DESCRIBES NOTE AS "AFFRONT"

Tokyo, To-day.

Referring in the Diet to the British Note respecting the wounding of the British Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, said that so far no tangible proof had been brought to light to show that the Ambassador's automobile had been attacked by a Japanese plane.

He added that the Foreign Office firmly believed that no Japanese would intentionally attack a non-combatant.

The Navy Minister, who followed Mr. Hirota, said it was totally unthinkable that the Imperial Japanese Navy should in any circumstances commit acts contrary to humanity.

Mr. Azuma, leader of the Conservatives, described the British Note as a grave affront to Japan's prestige, inasmuch, he claimed, it would be interpreted as meaning that the "Japanese army is a barbarous army, always bent on attacking non-combatants."

He asked whether the real truth of the Hugessen incident was a Chinese trick, and whether the British Ambassador was not more responsible than anyone else.—Reuter.

#### BRITISH CABINET DISCUSSION

##### On Japan's Interim Reply

London, To-day.

Wednesday's full meeting of the Cabinet will probably discuss the Far Eastern situation, for the Japanese interim reply to the British Note concerning the wounding of the Ambassador, has now been received in London.

It is understood that the reply, while regretting the wounding, states that the Japanese enquiry into the matter is not yet complete.

The British Government is still insistent that a full reply should be sent to the demands contained in the Note, and the newly-arrived British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Clive, and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, are conferring to that end.—Reuter.

#### SECRET FOR PRESENT

The reply from Japanese Government to British Note has been received at the Foreign Office. At present the contents of the reply which is under consideration are not being made public.—British Wireless.

#### RECALL OF SIR ROBERT CLIVE

##### Again Mooted In London

London, To-day.

Further steps will be taken by the British Government in Tokyo, according to the "Daily Herald," in the event of the Japanese Government failing to give a satisfactory reply to the British Note regarding the Hugessen incident.

The paper says that the nature of this step will be considered at Wednesday's Cabinet meeting, and opines that one of its consequences might be recall of the British Ambassador in Tokyo.—Trans-Ocean.

#### STILL ENQUIRING

Tokyo, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, in reply to an interpellation in the Diet on the Hugessen incident, expressed the Japanese Government's regret at the incident.

Mr. Hirota stated that the enquiry was still going on and that it has not yet been possible to ascertain the exact facts.—Trans-Ocean.

#### TIDING OVER

London, To-day.

The Japanese reply to the British Note on the Hugessen incident was handed in at the Foreign Office yesterday.

It is understood that the reply makes suggestions for tiding over the issue for the time being.—Trans-Ocean.

#### TENSION EXPECTED TO CONTINUE

Tokyo, To-day.

Political circles here are inclined to be of the opinion that tension between London and Tokyo will continue.

#### BRITISH FLAGS ON STEAMERS

Singapore, To-day.

A number of British steamers en route to the Chinese coast are having Union Jacks painted over the entire sides of the ships as a precautionary measure.—Reuter.

They base their opinion on Mr. Hirota's statement in the Diet yesterday that there was no evidence to justify the British contention that the planes which attacked the British Ambassador's car were Japanese.—Trans-Ocean.

#### PREMIER TO COMPLETE HIS HOLIDAY

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister left the north of Scotland yesterday afternoon and will arrive at Downing Street this morning.

He will preside at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, arrangements for which were announced following the ministerial conference last week on the international situation.

Mr. Chamberlain plans to return to Scotland as soon as necessary business permits, in order to complete his holiday, due to end on September 18.—British Wireless.

#### DR. H.H. KUNG'S EUROPEAN JOURNEY

London, To-day.

The Chinese Finance Minister, Dr. H. H. Kung, is said to have succeeded in obtaining loans and credits for China amounting to £150,000,000 in the course of his European journey, according to newspaper reports.

The reports add that in spite of the situation in the Far East, many European manufacturers and financial and business houses are willing to invest funds in China and anxious to develop their relations with the latter country.—Trans-Ocean.

#### Six Journalists Sentenced

Shanghai, To-day.

Six Chinese journalists have been sentenced to death by a Chinese court martial and executed.

The journalists, four of whom are said to have been correspondents for foreign papers, were charged with having published defamatory articles concerning the Chinese army.—Trans-Ocean.

#### SUI TAI IGNORES SEARCHLIGHT

With Japanese warships cruising to and fro in the Canton Delta, the blockade this morning remained effective, although there are no further reports of bombardment of the coast.

It is believed, however, though no confirmatory reports have yet been received, that Lin Tin Island, where a Chinese Maritime Customs station is situated, has been occupied.

The s.s. Sui Tai, arriving from Macao last night, had a searchlight thrown across her by a Japanese warship, but continued on her way and was not molested. The warship was a long way away at the time.

Most Canton River sailings from Hong Kong have been suspended temporarily. The Steamboat Company is running day services and the Fatshan and Taishan sailed this morning.

Operation of a Japanese cruiser in the area has not yet been confirmed, and the number of destroyers has not yet been accurately assessed.

Both Amoy and Swatow were bombed yesterday, but without doing damage or causing casualties. The raiders concentrated on military objectives.

The Diana has been ordered to Foochow to relieve H.M.S. Delight.

#### KWONG SAI UNDER SEARCHLIGHT

It is now stated that there will be no change of schedule on most of the Canton steamers, notwithstanding the presence of Japanese destroyers in Chinese waters. The Hong Moon run is at present free from molestation and vessels using the West River are free to come and go.

Interviewed this morning, Captain J. Acock, of the S. S. Kwong Sai, said that he had an uneventful trip to Canton yesterday.

"We were questioned by a Japanese destroyer as to our name after the searchlight had been turned on us," said Capt. Acock. "We answered and proceeded on our way. On the return voyage, a searchlight was again played on us, but we took no notice of it and came on into Hong Kong."

#### Out Of Danger

Shanghai, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, continues to make satisfactory progress, and is out of danger, declared his doctor, Dr. Gauntlett, to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

#### P.T. TRAINING

London, To-day.

A further step in the development of facilities for physical training by additional grants for non-provided training colleges, is announced by the Board of Education.—British Wireless.





This okapi, having the appearance of both a zebra and a giraffe, makes his home in the Bronx Zoo, New York. He's a rare zoological freak, brought from the Belgian Congo by Dr. Reid Blair. Only two others are in captivity, one in Antwerp and the other in London.

# SOVIET PROTEST TO ITALY Claims Reparation For Sinking Of Ships

Rome, To-day.

The Soviet Government has protested to Italy against the sinking of two Russian ships in the eastern Mediterranean.

The Note places the responsibility upon Italy and demands payment of reparation and punishment of the guilty.

The Italian Government has rejected responsibility and refused the demands.—Reuter.

## "PIRACY" CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will personally attend the Mediterranean Conference on "piracy" at Nyon, twelve miles from Geneva, on September 9, at which sixty delegates, representing twelve Powers, are likely to be present.

British and French invitations to Germany to attend the Conference were delivered in Berlin yesterday evening.

## PREMIER'S RETURN

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, arrives in London from Scotland to-day to attend the full meeting of the Cabinet to-morrow, at which the British proposals for submission at the Conference will be discussed.—Reuter.

## GERMANY INVITED

Berlin, To-day.

An invitation to attend the Mediterranean Conference was handed in to the German Government yesterday by the British and French diplomatic representatives.

It is learned in informed quarters that the invitation will be carefully examined by the competent authorities and that Germany's reply will be communicated in good time.—Trans-Ocean.

## ITALY AND SOVIET

Rome, To-day.

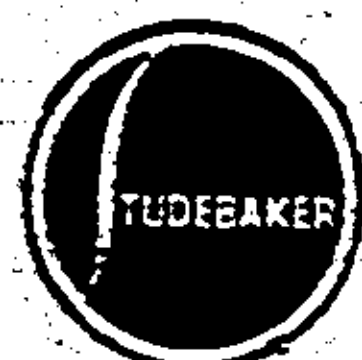
Italian reaction to the Russian Note is that the Soviet is deliberately trying to torpedo the Mediterranean Conference initiated by Britain, and to which Italy was preparing to accord a good reception.—Trans-Ocean.

## Soviet Leaders Confer

Prague, To-day.

The Soviet deputy Foreign Commissar, M. Posenkine, arrived at Marienbad yesterday to join the Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinov, and the Soviet Ambassador in Paris, M. Smirnov.

It is surmised that the Mediterranean situation will form the main topic of their discussions.—Trans-Ocean.



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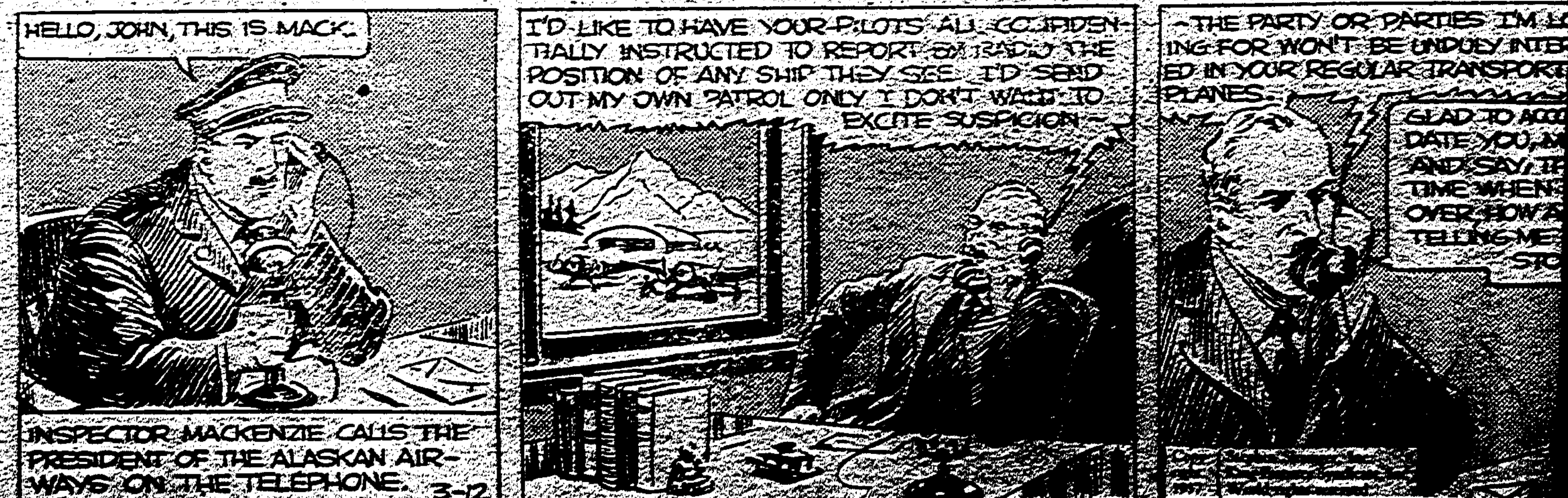
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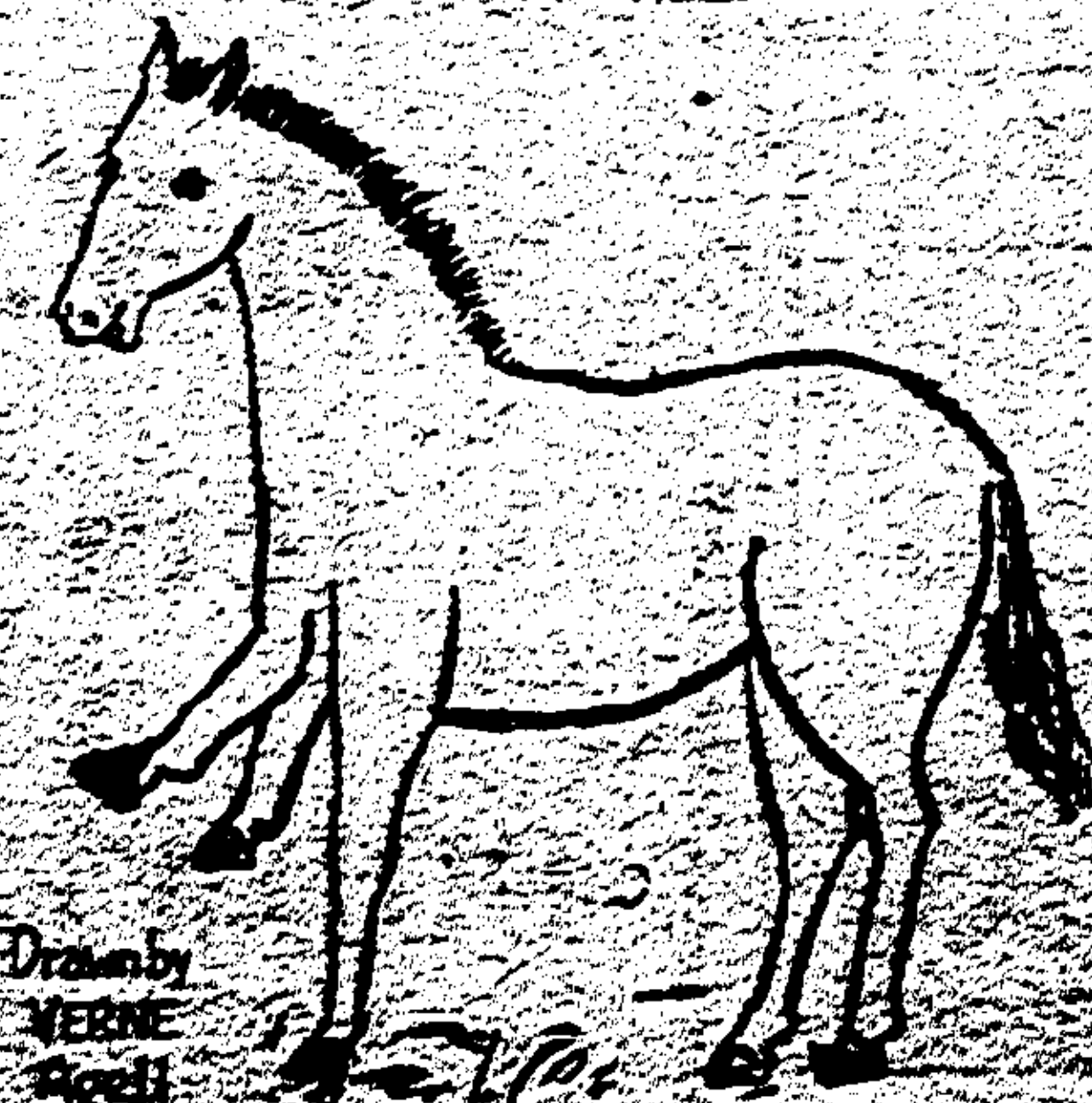
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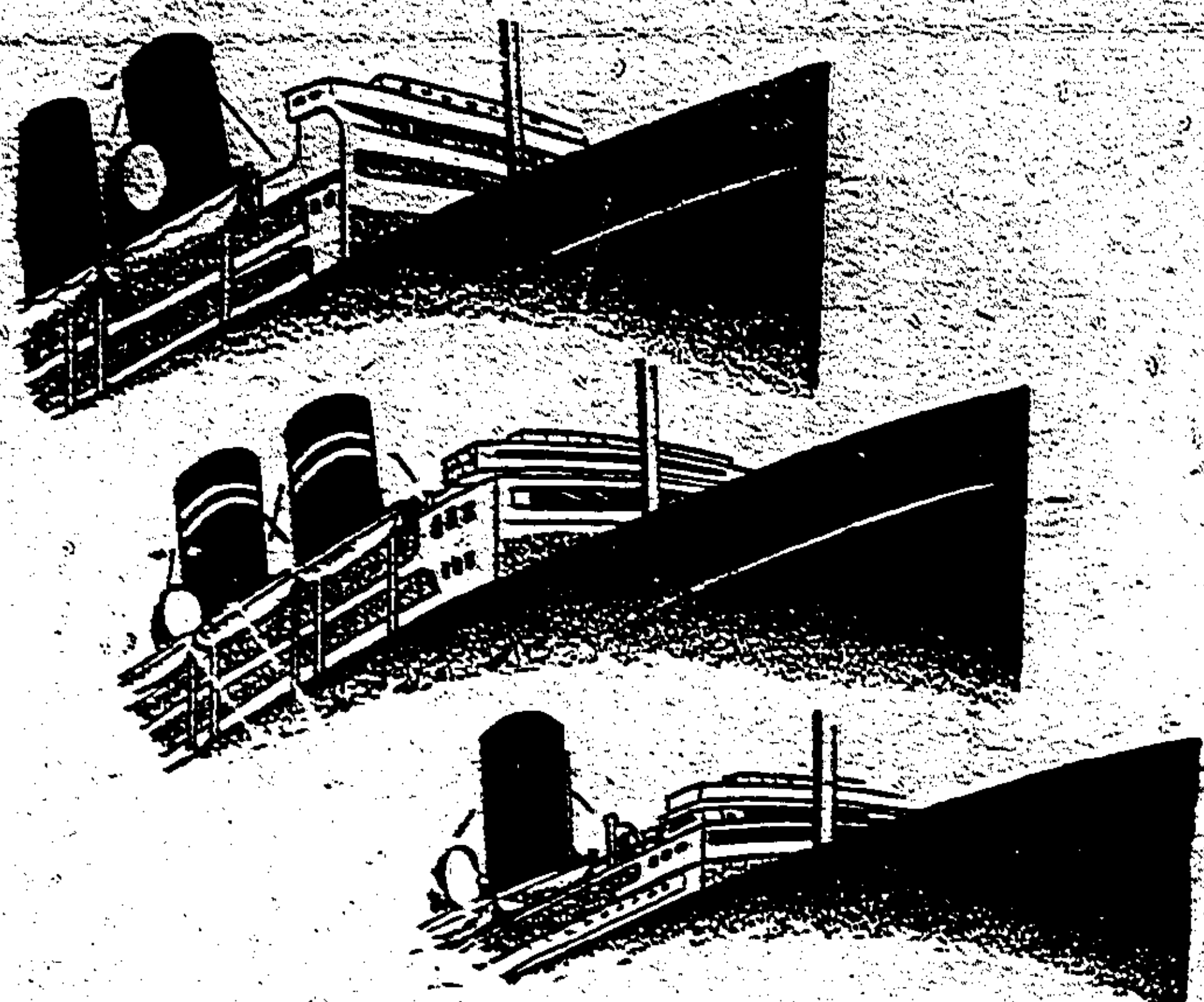
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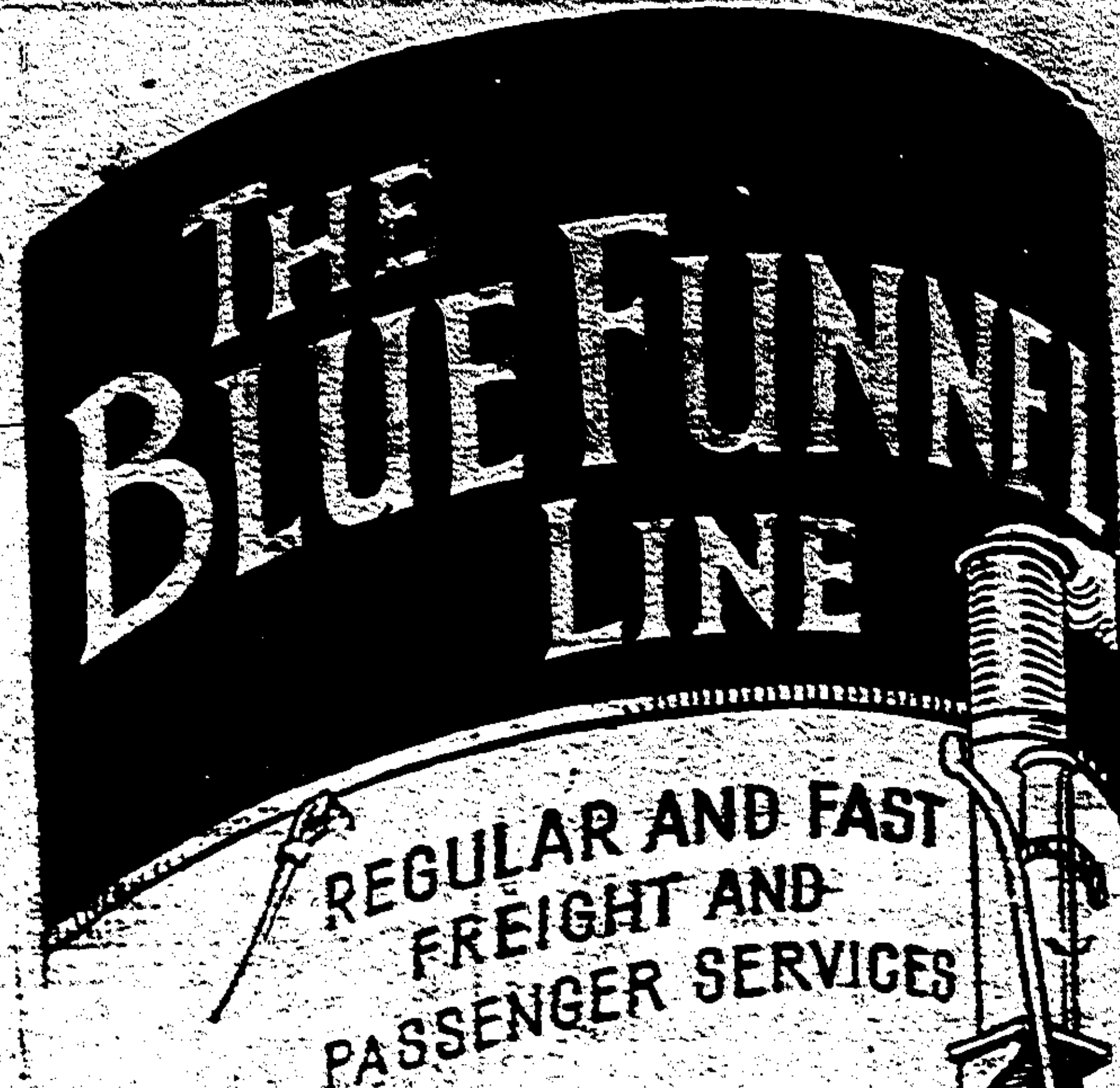
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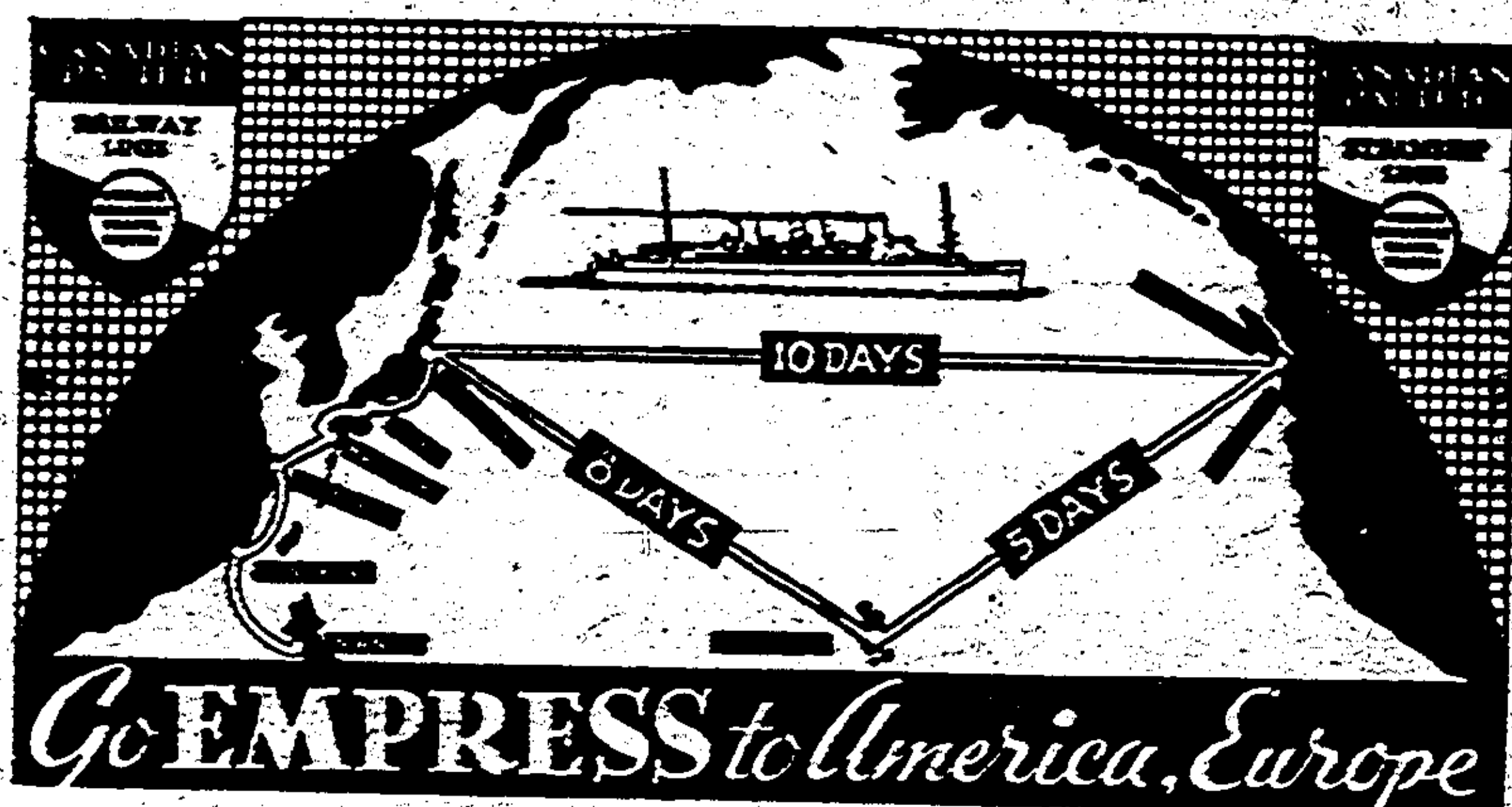


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## Prominent Slav M. P. Arrested

Belgrade, To-day.

The whole of Yugo-Slavia celebrated the fifteenth birthday of King Peter II yesterday.

The celebrations in the capital, which was gaily decorated with flags and bunting, began when gun salutes were fired from the fortress.

A parade, at which all the fighting services were represented, was held in the morning before the Regent, Prince Paul and the entire Government, Diplomatic Corps and Church dignitaries.

In a port on the Dalmatian coast the crew of the giant British battle-cruiser, H. M. S. Hood, took part in the birthday parade.—Trans-Ocean.

## BRITISH IN INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE

Lausanne, To-day.

The heart of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, reviver of the modern Olympic Games, who died here on Thursday, is to be buried at Olympia, in Greece, the site of the ancient Games.

The funeral will take place in Lausanne to-day, the city having provided a tomb of honour.

A special ceremony will take place at Olympia in the presence of representatives of the entire world of sport.—Trans-Ocean.

## Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw.

Spot 30% Down 1/8 b.  
Jan./March 31 1/4 Down 1/8 b.  
Aug./Sept.  
Oct./Dec. 31 Down 1/8 b.  
Market:—Stagnant.

## FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY OF KING PETER II

Belgrade, To-day.

The president of the finance committee of the Yugo-Slav Parliament, M. Janitch, who up to a short time ago was one of the leading members of the Government party, was arrested by the police here yesterday morning.

M. Janitch, it will be recalled, was one of the leaders of the parliamentary groups opposing the Concordat with the Vatican.

Although it is expected that he will shortly be released from gaol, the opposition parliamentary clubs have decided to hold a session to-day in order to protest against the arrest, which, they say, is illegal, since M. Janitch is immune from arrest as a member of parliament.—Trans-Ocean.

## Heart To Be Buried In Greece

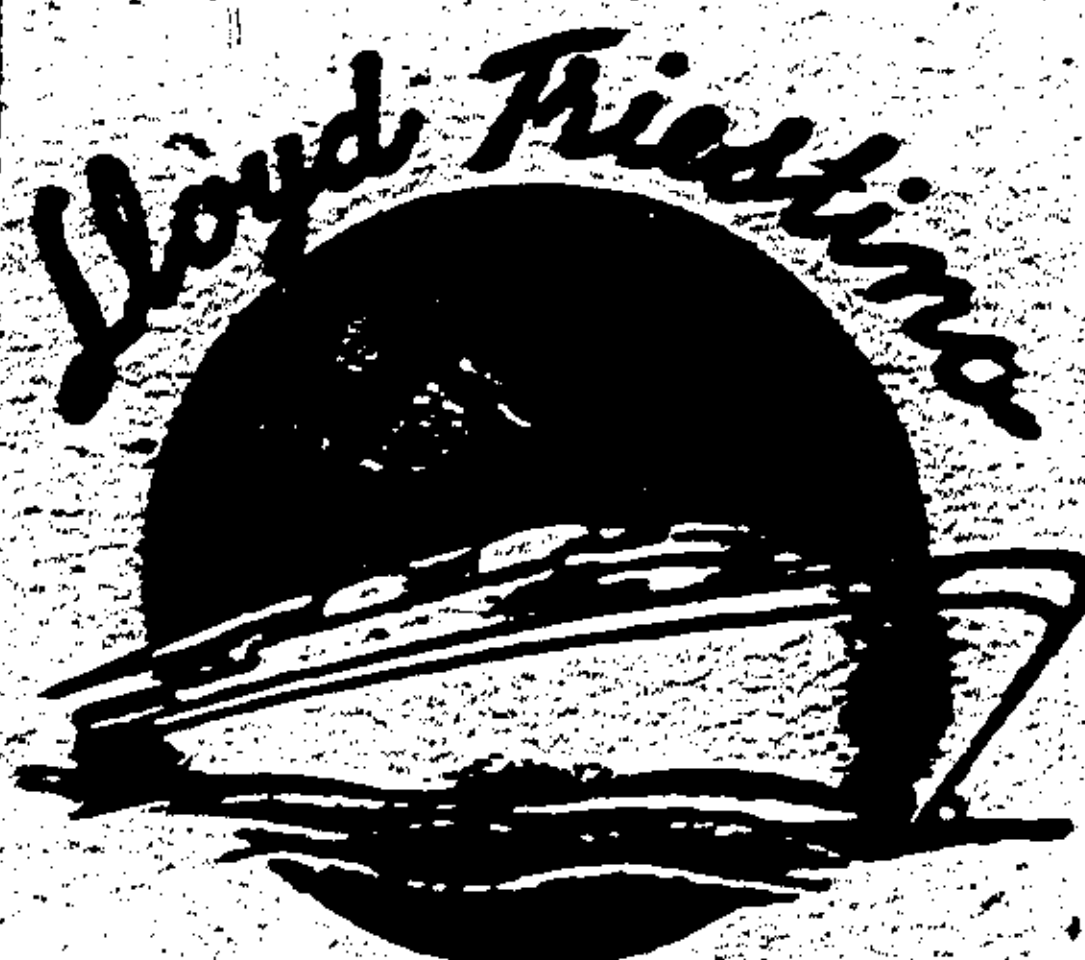
London, To-day.

A report published in the London Sunday newspapers that the British battalion of the International Brigade in Spain would return to England, is vigorously denied by the commander of the 15th International Brigade, Lt.-Col. Aitken, former organiser of the British Communist Party.

Lt.-Col. Aitken not only denies that the brigade is returning to England but says that there is a likelihood of formation of a fresh British battalion.

Lt.-Col. Aitken is quoted by the British press as saying that about 2,000 Englishmen and 2,000 Americans have joined the International Brigade.—Trans-Ocean.

Mrs. Yih Mai-lai has reported that while travelling between the Conte Verde and Queen's Pier she lost or had stolen a bag containing clothing, papers, passport and a cheque book to the value of \$350.



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# KANGAROO RUGBY LEAGUE DEBACLE

## SENIOR LEAGUE TENNIS

Close Game Indicated  
At Cox's Road

U.S.R.C. Should Beat  
University

(By "ADREM")

This afternoon's senior tennis programme is confined to two matches, University entertaining United Services Recreation Club and Kowloon Cricket Club being at home to Indian Recreation Club.

United Services will probably win the former game, chiefly because of their ability to rely on one pair for the maximum number of sets. Goldman and Sullivan, on their present form, are about the strongest League combination in the Colony and I cannot see them being worried to any great extent, by any Undergraduate pairing. There seems to be little doubt that Divett and Riley and Loch and Tomlinson will between them, manage the required couple of sets necessary for victory.

E. C. FINCHER INDISPOSED

Kowloon C. C. and L.R.C. should be featured in a close tussle at Cox's Road and it would not surprise me at all if the latter came out on top. E. C. Fincher has been suffering from "trench mouth," whatever that may be, and I don't know to what extent he will be inconvenienced. I expect an odd set win either way dependant upon which side settles down first.

## NEW ZEALANDERS BEAT MINOR COUNTIES

KERR BATS WELL

GALLICHAN TAKES  
5 FOR 20

London, To-day.

At Gainsborough, the New Zealanders beat the Minor Counties by seven wickets.

Minor Counties batted first and ran up the very useful score of 310 to which their opponents hit up 337. In reply, Kerr contributing a brilliant 160.

The Counties fared very badly in their second venture and against some accurate bowling by Gallichan (5 for 20) could only manage a meagre 76. New Zealand knocked off the necessary runs required for victory for the loss of three wickets.

Scores:—

Minor Counties—310 and 76 (Gallichan 5 for 20).

New Zealanders—337 (Kerr 160) and 53 for 3.

—Reuter.

## BOWLS SINGLES SEMI-FINALS FOR TO-DAY

The Hong Kong Football Club will be the venue of the semi-finals games of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship this afternoon, when H. A. Alves will meet S. Randle, and U. M. Omar will encounter A. S. Russell.

Both games should provide bowls of a high standard, and that between H. A. Alves and S. Randle,

## JAPAN TO RENOUNCE 1940 GAMES?

Tokyo, To-day.

Referring in the Diet yesterday to rumours that Japan will see herself obliged to renounce the task of organising the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1940, the Premier, Prince Konoye, declared that a decision in the matter would be taken after consultation with the Japanese sports organisations.

Informed circles continue to maintain that Japan will not participate in the Games, as seven Japanese cavalry officers have already announced their withdrawal and a number of other prominent Japanese athletes have been called up for military service.—Trans-Ocean.

## RANDWICK RACING MAKE LOSS

OFF-THE-COURSE BETTING HELD RESPONSIBLE

## CLUB'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Sydney, August 11.

A loss of \$9634 on the 1936-37 season's operations is disclosed by the Australian Jockey Club's annual report. During the season there were 15 days of racing at Randwick, as against 14 days for the previous season, and eight days at Warwick Farm.

From the totalisator investments an amount of \$63,292 was received by the State Government, in addition to which the Government received (in respect of racecourse admissions tax and one-half of bookmasters' fees) \$44,897, making a total of \$108,099 paid in taxation.

The prize-money on each racecourse showed an increase on the previous year's figures, the total increase for the two courses being \$10,940. When the club's committee decided to increase the prize-money, it was expected that the slight increase in attendances experienced in the 1935-1936 season would be maintained at Randwick. This was not the case, attendances being slightly less at Randwick, though a slight increase was experienced at Warwick Farm.

CAUSES EXPLAINED

For the falling off at Randwick, various explanations have been suggested, but the consensus of opinion, says the report, seems to indicate that the main causes are off-the-course betting and the sale of tips (both of which have been under restriction by Act of Parliament passed many years ago), aided by the indiscriminate broadcasting of information relating to a race before it has started.

both skips, should be particularly interesting. In the other game U. M. Omar is favoured slightly, but Russell, who is a very steady player may cause an upset.

## MAORIS PROVE MUCH TOO GOOD

MANY PENALTIES GIVEN TO HOME TEAM

WINNERS RUGGED TACKLING

Auckland, August 12.

THE Australian Rugby League players, the Kangaroos, who are on their way to England for a series of three Tests, received a severe shock this afternoon when they were defeated here by the Maoris by 16 points to five. The outstanding feature of the game was the great number of penalties awarded to the Maoris.

THE KANGAROOS DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE AUCKLAND REFEREE, RODGERS'S, IDEAS OF THE PLAY-THE-BALL AND SCRUMMAGE LAWS, OR THEY WOULD NOT HAVE ERRED SO SHOCKINGLY AS TO WARRENT MORE THAN 40 PENALTIES AGAINST THEM, WHEREAS THERE WERE ONLY HALF-A-DOZEN PENALTIES IN THEIR FAVOUR.

This disadvantage, plus the fact that the Kangaroo forwards were beaten for possession from the scrums, enabled the Maoris, who had been chosen from Poverty Bay, Tūkaū, Wairarapa, Bay of Plenty, Taihape, Wellington, Taranaki, Waikato, and Auckland, under the veteran G. Nepia's leadership, to defeat the tourists.

The Maoris started well enough to secure an early lead, and then, inspired by Nepia's succession of penalty goals, were able to tackle with such ruggedness as to



The amount passed through the totalisator at Randwick during the year was \$633,724/5/ and at Warwick Farm \$69,520/15/, a total of \$703,245, as against \$756,244 for the previous season, when there was a day less of racing.

POPULAR

The combination totalisator tickets of 5/ for a win and 5/ for a place on the same horse proved popular and the committee has decided to have additional windows for selling this form of ticket.

Claims in respect of injuries numbered 197 and payments amounting to £3908 were made from the club's scheme of insurance under the Workers' Compensation Act. That amount included \$1358 for medical and hospital treatment. Retired trainers and jockeys received \$2274 from the club's benevolent fund. Following the usual custom, the unclaimed totalisator dividends for the 1935-1936 season, amounting to £1293, were distributed among charitable institutions.

REMARKABLE BENEFIT

The number of children that have been admitted to the club's home for children at Canonbury has reached a total of 1521. The committee of management has received from various sources acknowledgment of the remarkable benefit gained by the children from their treatment.

The course proper and training tracks at Randwick and Warwick Farm are in good condition. Success has attended the dressing and filling of the grass tracks at Randwick with soil obtained from Bass Hill.

break up every effort of the Australians, who made valiant efforts in the second half.

MAORIS ON TOP

The tactics of playing Prigg at five-eighths were changed in the second half, McKinnon moving in, and Prigg going to centre, but this made no difference. The Maoris were on top, and they kept there, creating sensation after sensation.

The attendance was much bigger than that at the second test on a similar day two years ago.

One of the Maori forwards, J. Cootes, left the field in the second half, having sustained a cut over an eye.

TEST MEN RESTED

The majority of the Australian test players rested from the match. Members of the team who had visited Rotorna did not return to Auckland until early this morning.

The Australian team was: Full-back, J. Beaton; three-quarters, H. Robison, J. Reardon, R. McKinnon, L. Dawson; five-eighths, W. Prigg (captain); half-back, R. Thompson; forwards, E. Collins, G. MacLennan, L. Heidke, F. Curran, P. Fairall, F. Griffiths.

For the Maoris, Broderick scored two tries, Hemi converted one, and Nepia kicked four penalty goals; for the Kangaroos, Curran scored a try, and Beaton converted.

## IMPORTANT REFEREES MEETING

The Hong Kong Football Referee's Association will hold their first meeting of the season in the office of the Hong Kong Football Association, Room 205, Gloucester Building (2nd floor), next Monday at 8 p.m.

Several interesting items of a very important nature which have cropped up during the close season are down for discussion and it is hoped that all referees and those who intend to become referees will attend.



# CELTIC'S COMING JUBILEE

## LOVE FOR THE "GREEN AND WHITE"

THE Celtic Handbook, which will be on sale at the beginning of next week, will command more interest than usual—and that is saying something, as it has always been a popular publication—owing to the coming jubilee of the club. In his annual report to the shareholders William Maley tells of the inception of the club and the inspiration which led to its formation.

"IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1887 THAT THE CELTIC ENTHUSIASTS OF THAT PERIOD — COMPOSED OF FOOTBALL FOLLOWERS OF THE EDINBURGH HIBS (WHO WON THE SCOTTISH CUP THAT YEAR), RESIDENT IN THE PARISHES OF ST. MARY'S, ST. ANDREW'S, AND SACRED HEART, MADE UP THEIR MINDS THAT IT WAS TIME GLASGOW HAD AN IRISH CLUB.

They held some meetings, from which the 'weaker hearts' were quickly eliminated, and a start was made in the formation of the Celtic Club. It was January 1888 before matters took a distinct shape and, with a very enthusiastic committee, the formation of the new ground went ahead, and it was duly opened on May 8, 1888, by Cowlaire v. Hibs.

"From that date, the good ship Celtic took the high seas of football, and, in spite of many storms, both inside and outside, they have weathered all the lot, and to-day the same old ship still rides the sea, but in a grander and finer form than in its early days."

### W. MALEY'S DEVOTION

He goes on to refer to the position attained during the fifty years of the club's history and the reputation it has built up, not only at home, but beyond the seas.

Mr. Maley refers to an incident which occurred early in the club's career, showing what had to be faced:

"John Glass, then our president, in returning thanks for his side in the vote of sympathy then moved, referred to the bunch of biased interrupters. He said, 'Celtic would weather this defeat like all good sportsmen, and I prophesy that those who come here to-day to jeer will, by the powers of the Celtic, come in time to cheer.' That prophecy has come true long ago, and to-day our club needs no 'claque' of followers to boost their abilities."

### INTENSE LOVE

The Celtic manager makes no attempt to hide his intense love for the club for which he has laboured during half a century. His words are as follows:—

"When I 'took the shilling' for Celtic in September 1887, I was 19½ years old, and I played for them at the age of 20, and in the fifty years that have passed since then, I have spent my life literally for the club, which has now grown so dear to me.

I have seen the great ones of the old days, both officials and players, pass on in the way of all things human, and still my enthusiasm has stood the test of the years, and the sight of the 'green and white' jersey is as sweet to me to-day as when I first wore it in 1888."

### RECORD TO BE PROUD OF

The progress of the club in the Scottish Cup competition is traced up to the final.

"Our 22nd Scottish final attracted the record crowd of 144,303, and it was truly a wonderful sight. Aberdeen carried the hopes of at least three-fourths of the spectators, by their shouts, but the 'Old Horse' held its place, and the Cup came back again to its real home after a wonderful scene.

"What a glorious record in the



Scottish Cup is ours. Fifteen victories in fifty years, and appearing in the final on 22 occasions is surely something to be extra proud of.

"It is also a remarkable thing that the self-same eleven men who won the League Flag for us last year have this year brought us the Scottish Cup. Surely a great tribute to their consistency and real merit."

The report concludes with the following expression with regard to the coming season:—

"We shall hope to carry our colours with honour in the jubilee year and do further credit to the memory of the men who built our great club, and to still further encourage the great and sporting following we have all over the world."

### ANTAGONISM TOWARDS THE CLUB

Another interesting and rather novel feature is an article by "An Outsider" entitled "My Views of the Rise and Progress of the Celtic," the introduction to which hits hard at the antagonism of sections of the public towards the club.

"My admiration for the Celtic club occasions many of my friends considerable surprise, even amazement, in view of the fact that I have nothing in common with what is understood to be the sympathies of that body.

"On the other hand, I make no secret of my contempt for the opinions of those who seek to introduce extraneous matters into sport, believing that the latter is a thing apart from religion and everything else, in short, a common ground on which all should meet on level terms."

### THROUGH COLOURED GLASS

"From conversations I have had with several who recall the birth of Celtic, I am convinced that its reception was not notable for any particular warmth by those who, like my own critics, were inclined to look at it through party-coloured glasses.

"The amusing part of the business is that this very antagonism assisted materially in building up and strengthening the structure

### LACEY'S GOLF RECORD BROKEN

P. H. G. Smith (2) won the West Surrey Club's monthly stroke competition at Godalming with 64, and his score of 66 establishes a new record for the course. The previous best was 68 made by A. J. Lacey, the Berkshire professional and British Ryder Cup international, last year.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS TOUR

### Cancellation Is Criticised

Sydney, August 11.

Correspondence from the Australian Lawn Tennis Association regarding the cancellation of the English women's tour of Australia was discussed at the monthly meeting of the New South Wales Lawn Tennis Association last night.

Mrs. Conway said that the decision of the A.L.T.A. had put back women's tennis in Australia at least 10 years. Negotiations had been in progress for 18 months, and it was extraordinary that the tour should be cancelled after Britain had acknowledged its willingness to send a team. "It is a severe blow," added Mrs. Conway, "and we are concerned at the report that the decision of the Australian association was unanimous."

She asked how New South Wales had voted on the question, and the chairman (Mr. B. C. Fuller) said that the minutes of the meeting had not been received. New South Wales delegates had not been definitely instructed how to vote.

Mr. Fuller said that a loss on the tour of £1000 of £1500 would jeopardise the chances of sending an Australian team overseas next year.

## WAINWRIGHT'S NEW AQUATIC RECORD

London, August 9.

Norman Wainwright (Hanley A.S.C.) won the A.S.A. half-mile championship at Minehead on Saturday in 10min. 26.6 sec.—a new British native record.

R. H. Leivers (Longton A.S.C.) was second in 10min. 32.2sec., H. G. Deane (Penguin S.C.) third in 11min. 11.6sec., and C. G. Deane (Penguin S.C.) fourth in 11min. 15sec.

In last year's championship Leivers beat Wainwright by over seven seconds when he won the race in the record time of 10min. 30sec.

which, after half a century of storm and stress, stands as a living memorial of sound, business-like and dignified management."

After quoting the many honours won by the club, "Outsider" deals with the famous Celtic spirit which has pulled off numerous victories, and concludes as follows:—

"To have fought down the prejudice, bigotry, and even hatred of those early days by sheer pluck, determination, and ability, amounting to artistry, is surely an achievement which cannot fail to command the respect and admiration of any real lover of sport. To offer such is not patronage but a privilege, and as a very humble admirer, I, an outsider, tender it — proud of the opportunity I have been afforded, my only regret being the inadequacy of my effort."

## SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSN. IN SOUND POSITION

## WORLD CHAMPIONS IN THE MAKING

Sydney, August 11.

The New South Wales Amateur Association, virile and vigorous after an existence of 46 years, is confident of restoring Australian swimming to its leading position in the world. Faith is reposed in the rising generation of swimmers, including, in this State, such brilliant performers as Robert Newbiggin, of Newcastle, Robin Biddulph, and Miss Pat Norton.

Every effort will be made during the coming season to encourage the talent New South Wales possesses in its schoolboy and schoolgirl swimmers, and to utilise to the full the lessons learned from the visits in recent years of J. Medica and F. Cady, of the United States, Jean Taris, of France, and Kiyokawa and Sakagami, of Japan.

Already it is considered these visits have proved beneficial in extending the enthusiasm for swimming through the country, and influencing several country municipalities to construct modern swimming baths. This enterprise has enabled existing country clubs to increase their activities, and new clubs to be formed.

### COACHING NEEDED

Newbiggin, Biddulph, and Miss Norton do not exhaust the list of promising aspirants to the highest honours. In every branch of competitive swimming and diving there are numbers of young performers who need only coaching and training on the right lines to develop first-class ability. There is every justification to believe that, among them, swimmers of international class may be discovered. Examples are J. Casey, of Coonamble, and W. Lancaster, of Lithgow, who have won country championships this year.

The outstanding girl swimmers of Australia at present are Misses Dorothy Green and Evelyn de Lacy, of Western Australia, and Misses Norton, Kitty Mackay, and Margaret Dovey, of New South Wales. Misses Myee Steele, Margot Rawson, Thelma Bryce, and others should soon challenge the supremacy of the other young women.

### 174 CLUBS ON LIST

The Amateur Swimming Association, which, under international rules, includes the women's association in its membership, has 174 clubs and associations affiliated with it, and a registered membership of 33,081. Eleven Australian records were made last season, two by the international champion Medica, six by Newbiggin, one each by Miss Green and N. Ryan, and a team's record by the Manly club. Six new records for events were created. Talent which can produce such results justifies optimism.

Financially, the association is in a sound position, although certain revenue anticipated last season was not received. The receipts for the year amounted to £458, and expenditure to £372.





The United States' answer to world supremacy off the high diving boards was Miss Marjorie Gestring, 14 year old world and Olympic women's diving champion, who is seen executing a beautiful back drive. She is a member of the American team of swimmers and divers who are at present in Japan.

## 3 WOMEN'S ATHLETIC RECORDS GO

Miss Lunn's Treble At White City

(By Bevil Rudd)

London, August 9.

Three British records were broken in the women's A.A.A. championships at the White City on Saturday. Miss D. Odam only just failed to jump 5ft. 5½in., after improving her British record to 5ft. 4½in.

In Miss Odam's first attempt at 5ft. 5½in. only a slight touch displaced the bar, while at the third attempt the bar trickled off exasperatingly when she appeared to have cleared it.

Had she succeeded, Miss Odam would have beaten the world's record, held jointly by the American and German girls, J. Shiley and D. Ratjen. As it was, her jump of 5ft. 4-3-8in. was nearly 1½in. better than she did in the Berlin Olympiad, when she was second.

Miss D. Gardner, who was second on Saturday, cleared 5ft. 3in. with a praiseworthy attempt at the style known as the Western roll. Three other girls jumped 5ft. 1in.

### EASY VICTORY IN MILE

There were outstanding competitors in other events. Miss L. Chalmers won the 200 metres by nearly two yards in 24.9sec. and Miss G. Lunn, after a gruelling and successful race with Miss N. Halstead over 800 metres, proceeded to win the javelin with a throw of 108ft. 2in. and then, making all her own running, won by nearly 100 yards in the mile in 5min. 17sec.

Miss Lunn showed truly masculine fleetness and stamina and her easy style in the mile appeared to be modelled on R. H. Thomas's free movement. I believe she could beat 5min. for the mile.

### WON EASILY

Miss Halstead was equally indefatigable and, drawn in the outside

## STEDMAN WINS ALL-NEW ZEALAND DUEL

Hampshire Lawn Tennis Championships

A. C. Stedman beat C. E. Malfroy in the all-New Zealand final of the Hampshire Men's Singles Championship at Bournemouth on Saturday in two sets.

Malfroy has hardly recovered from a recent illness and appeared to be reserving himself for the doubles events, and in both of these he was successful. With Stedman, he won the men's doubles from C. F. Lewis and C. F. O. Lister, and with Miss N. M. Lyle the mixed doubles.

## SPECTATORS WARNED AT AMERICA'S CUP RACES

Newport (Rhode Island),

August 5.

After twice warning ships carrying spectators following the America's Cup race that they were too near Endeavour, the commander of the coastguard despatched cutters to get the names of a number of craft for violation of the regulations.

Those who have broken the regulations will be tried by naval court-martial. The maximum penalty, if convicted, is about \$100.

lane, she won the 400 metres easily in a shade over 60sec.

Miss E. Raby long-jumped 19ft.—a best performance in these 15-year-old championships and only 2½in. behind Mrs. Cornell's British record. Miss Burke made a gallant effort to hold her three titles, but although she won the 80 metres hurdles, she was beaten by Miss Jefferys in the 100 metres, and by Miss Chalmers and Miss K. Stokes in the 200 metres. Miss K. Tilley won the weight put with 24ft. 9in. Miss B. Lock's 60-metre sprint and Miss K. Tiffin's hurdling were as stylish as meritorious.

## WARBURTON'S 1,000 RUNS AND 100 WICKETS

Lancashire League Cricket

## CHAMPIONS MAKING HEADWAY

London, August 9.

Littleborough, the Central Lancashire League champions, are making a hold-bid to retain the title. They defeated Crompton and are now only a point behind the leaders. Radcliffe, who met with another check, being held to a draw by Stockport.

By capturing two Crompton wickets, Leslie Warburton, Littleborough's professional, became the first player in the League ever to achieve the double—1,000 runs and 100 wickets in a season.

Nelson were beaten for the second time this season in the Lancashire League when Accrington mastered them by eight wickets.

### BAILEY SHINES

Bailey, taking four wickets for 58, and R. Langhlin, three for 18, helped to put out Nelson for 121, and Bailey followed up his splendid bowling with an innings of 68 not out of Accrington's total of 122 for two.

Root, the Todmorden professional (six for 38), and A. Smith (four for 47) skittled out Bacup for 126, and put their side on the road to a seven-wickets victory.

Rawtenstall made the highest total of the day with 220 for five (dec.), Enfield replying with 120.

### DAVIES' SECOND

T. R. Davies, with 115 not out, completed his second century in consecutive games for East Lancashire, whose total of 215 for five dec. was passed by Ramsbottom for the loss of four wickets.

Hird, the Ramsbottom professional, reached his century in 75 minutes and was unbeaten for 195. He and W. Whitworth (50) hit up 93 in 50 minutes.

Another century-maker was

## GIRL OF 19 ON 55 MILE SWIM

"WILL-POWER KEPT ME WARM"

## 30 HOURS' BATTLE WITH CURRENTS

Copenhagen, August 10.

Jenny Kammersgaard, the 19-years-old Danish farmer's daughter who early this morning completed a 55-miles swim, described to me to-day her 30-hours battle with heavy seas and strong currents.

Starting late on Saturday afternoon from Griben, Zealand, she crossed the Kattegat and reached the Jutland coast, near Grenaa, shortly after midnight last night. For the last 10 miles, she said, conditions were very bad and the people in the boat accompanying her repeatedly urged her to abandon her attempt.

Miss Kammersgaard told me that she had never before seriously attempted long-distance swimming and did not suppose she would again.

### "JUST LUCK"

"It was just luck that I succeeded," she added, "but I think I must thank my will power for the fact that I never felt cold."

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon, she continued, she was only about two and a half miles from the Jutland shore, and her swim seemed almost finished. Then the swift current of the narrow Kattegat swept her northwards and away from the coast, though she fought desperately against it.

Hour after hour she struggled, but got no nearer to the shore until, at about six p.m., the current began to slacken. Even then it took her more than six hours to reach land.

### SEVERAL MEALS

During her long swim she had several meals. These, handed to her from the boat, consisted of:

Hot potatoes, soup;  
Rye bread and butter;  
Tomatoes and pigeon.

"All I wanted before going to bed," she said, "was a smoked-eel sandwich. I wanted one badly all the time I was swimming. I got it at last."

No official records are kept of long-distance swims of this kind, but a search going back many years fails to discover any point-to-point swim, either by a man or a woman, as long as that completed by Miss Kammersgaard.

## AMERICAN YACHT DISQUALIFIED

After crossing the Atlantic specially to compete, the American yacht, Elizabeth McCaw, finished first in the 600 miles race from Cowes to Fastnet Rocks, only to find that she had been disqualified because she had crossed the starting-line a couple of seconds too soon.

Headley, Haslingden's West Indian professional, who scored 122 not out against Burnley—his fifth hundred of the season—Haslingden won by seven wickets.



# TANK TESTS FOR YACHTS

BEST WAY TO  
FIND  
CHALLENGERS-

## SHIPS OF WAX IN MAN-MADE GALES

(By "BOOM")

London, August 9.

I saw yesterday at the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, wax models of designs for new ships being tested in tanks by experts who believe that by this method a racing yacht might be built that would compete successfully in the America's Cup races.

Major B. Heckstall-Smith, "The Daily Telegraph" Yachting Correspondent, stated in yesterday's issue that American experts considered that the prodigious speed of Ranger, the defender, was due to the hull form evolved from tank tests upon models. He also said that English yacht designers have scoffed at tank tests.

An expert at Teddington, who is also a naval architect, informed me that the laboratory had never been asked to make tests of models of racing yachts, though they had tested models of all kinds of vessels from Thames barges to warships and great liners.

"One objection to racing yacht tank tests in the past," he said, "has been that a secret design might be disclosed to rivals.

### CONFIDENTIAL TESTS

"This would not be possible at Teddington, where in the case of paid-for tests everything is private and confidential, and the staff would not know whose model was under examination.

"As a result of the tests at Teddington there has been a 50 per cent. improvement in Thames barges, and it is estimated that a great part of the improvements made in the big liners in this country has been the result of tank tests.

### AT TEDDINGTON

"Of the designs for new ships for the British Mercantile Marine last year 80 per cent. were tested at Teddington. The largest tank here is 630ft by 20ft and was opened by Mr. Baldwin in 1932.

"A model for a large sailing ship was tested here with successful results. If a model for a yacht to compete in the America's Cup races were tested here the work could be done with the closest co-operation of the yachtsmen, the builders, and the laboratory experts.

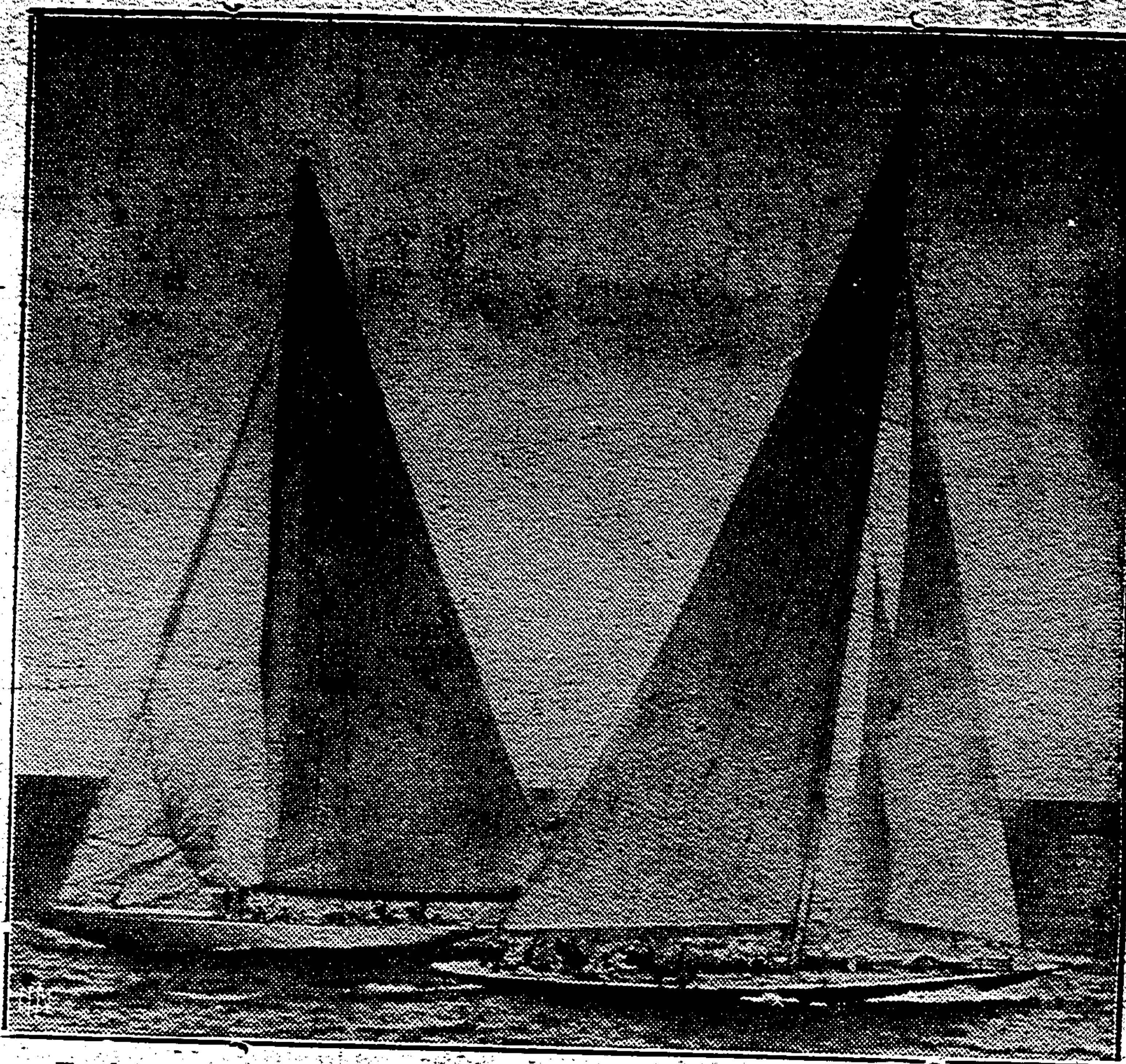
### FULL TESTS

The expert stated that at Teddington they could probably reproduce any conditions that prevail during yacht races, and if required they could employ the following tests:

Rolling, Heaving, Surging,  
Pitching, Yawing.

"Wax models can be made in less than a week and can be reshaped for further tests in a few hours.

"A dynamometer would test resistance to water, and the model could be inclined at various angles. The sails could be tested in the wind tunnel, or the model could be turned upside down with the sails submerged in the water of the tank and tested by fluid law, which corresponds to the action of wind and water."



Harold S. Vanderbilt's America's cup racer "Ranger," the white yacht, is shown (top) trailing the British challenger, "Endeavour," across the starting line at Newport in their fourth brush for America's cup.

## NEW YACHT FOR HIS MAJESTY

### CONSTRUCTION OF AN "L" CLASS VESSEL

London, August 11.

King George VI is considering the building of a new racing yacht of the L class. She will have a waterline length of 65 feet, and will be of about 100 tons. Other owners have agreed to build similar yachts, provided they are generally approved. The United States is tentatively favourable.

For some years the largest yachts racing in British waters have been of the J class, which has never been really popular. Its size (a maximum of 165 tons displacement and a length of 87 feet on the waterline) makes it expensive, but the most serious objection has been the frequency with which its members have lost masts.

In spite of the addition of Endeavour II. to the fleet this year, the class has been steadily losing support, and most British yachtsmen have been advocating the adoption of a class of about 10 tons.

If King George VI should decide to build a yacht of this class success will be assured, and he will do again what his father and grandfather did more than once with the old Britannia—re-establish British yachting on a sound basis.

The model could also be tested with waves.

"We are in touch with the work of the American tank testers, and also that of other nationalities.

About every two years superintendents of the tank laboratories in different countries meet for a conference.

"There is no reason why the tests at Teddington should not be as successful as those which have been conducted in America for the Ranger."

### DALY'S BOXING WIN IN AMERICA

#### American Warned For Butting

New York, August 9.—George Daly, the Blackfriars light-weight, who came to the United States with Tommy Farr, made a good start to his own campaign by out-pointing Mike Piskin, of New Jersey, last night. The decision was booed for five minutes by some of the crowd, who considered that Piskin should have had the verdict.

Piskin was aggressive throughout a fast bout, though Daly landed hard and often. Piskin scored with lefts and rights in in-fighting. In the third round he was warned for butting.



## SOUTH AFRICAN GOLFERS

### Tour Proposal Abandoned

Sydney, August 11.

The 150th Anniversary Celebrations Committee has informed the New South Wales Golf Council that it cannot assist in the proposed tour of Australia by a team of South African amateur golfers. The golf council has thus had reluctantly to abandon the proposal.

Golfers had been delighted at the prospect of seeing A. D. Locke, the noted South African, in opposition to the best Australian amateurs. Finance was a problem, though with the support of the clubs, there was no reason to think that the tour would not have been a financial success.

## BUDGE TO MEET VON CRAMM IN AUSTRALIA

### AN INTERESTING PROGRAMME

#### MAKO AND HENKEL

Donald Budge, the new Wimbledon champion, and Baron Gottfried von Cramm of Germany, who put up such a great fight against him in the Davis Cup, will probably have several further clashes in Australia, if present plans materialise.

Budge and Mako and von Cramm and Henkel are representing the United States and Germany, respectively, in the Australian championships at Adelaide from January 22 to 29, the final of which is expected to be between Budge and von Cramm.

In addition to this, however, there is a strong move in favour of triangular international matches between Australia, United States, and Germany.

### "AUSSIE" ITINERARY

Meanwhile, the Australian Lawn Tennis Association proposes that the American team should arrive at Sydney in November and leave on February 4. They would play three tests against Australia at Sydney, November 19 and 20; at Melbourne, December 17-18; and at Adelaide, January 14-15, and compete in the New South Wales championships, November 6 to 13; the Victorian championship November 27 to December 4, and also make a brief visit to Tasmania.

The itinerary for the German team includes test matches against Australia at Brisbane (December 17-18), Sydney (December 27-28), Melbourne (January 7-8), and Perth (February 11-12).



## AMATEUR BOXING REVOLT

OPPOSITION TO RULING BODY

### CIRCULAR LETTER TO CLUB

London, August 10.

Discontent with the conditions under which amateur boxing in Great Britain is conducted is inspiring a revolt among members and officials of the Amateur Boxing Association. At the annual meeting of the association on September 25 an effort will be made to re-create the council of the association along new lines.

The discontent is to be expressed in the form of a circular letter to the local associations and clubs which are affiliated to the A.B.A. They number between 400 and 500. The majority of signatories are men of established position in the amateur boxing world.

Among grievance are the lack of collaboration shown towards the Referees' and Judges' Association, the alleged mishandling of a dispute between the Midland and Northern Counties' Associations, and the general contention that the appointment of referees has been unfairly administered.

It is urged that men who are better qualified to serve as referees or judges have been passed over in favour of members of the council.

#### OFFICIALS' COMPLAINT

About 50 amateur boxing clubs, I understand, have left the A.B.A. during the past year, while a number of officials have been informed that their services are no longer required. These officials, it is contended, have been given no opportunity of justifying themselves before the council for alleged breaches of discipline.

Another source of discontent is in the appointment of life vice-presidents to the council, with the ability to vote on all occasions, and it is possible that, as a result of the present agitation, this part of the constitution may be amended.

#### PRESENT CONSTITUTION

By the present constitution of the Amateur Boxing Association, the governing body is the annual meeting of delegates from the various clubs and associations, who elect of council of 12, the president, secretary and two treasurers.

There are a number of honorary vice-presidents and divisional secretaries of London and the provinces who are ex-officio members.



A. M. Omar, above, played a great game as No. 3 India against China last Sunday in the Gutierrez Shield International Lawn bowls competition.

## SEAFORTH'S 2ND DIVISION SOCCER CHANCES

### Highley And Newton Leaving Soon

The Seaforths' Second Division team will be losing Highley and Newton by the first troopship, but the rest of last year's team will be available. Several of the players will be required for the first team, however. Of last year's team, Atkinson the goalkeeper, will again be playing, while Spiers, who played for the Colony against Macau, will probably fill the pivotal position. Spiers also played for the senior team in several games last season.

With the exception of Livingstone, their inside-left, who leaves soon, the rest of the forward line will be playing. Nuttney and Jameson combined well during last season, while Samson, their centre-forward, was also given a trial with the seniors. Fraser will be on the left wing.

The Third Division team is intact, but most of their players will be required to fill vacancies in the other teams. This is not giving the committee any great worry, however, as the Seaforths have some promising youngsters who have figured prominently in the Boys' League, and it is their intention to use this division simply as a training ground for their players.

Shearer, a goalkeeper, Atkin and McDonald, two promising and fast forwards, Bruce, Forsyth and Tate, a newcomer, can easily fill positions in the Third Division with credit.

#### MR. T. O. M. SOPWITH RE

New York, August 11.

Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith, owner of Endeavour II, which recently was defeated in the America's Cup race, is at present confined to his bed suffering from colitis, which developed following a round of golf.

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COMMITTEE

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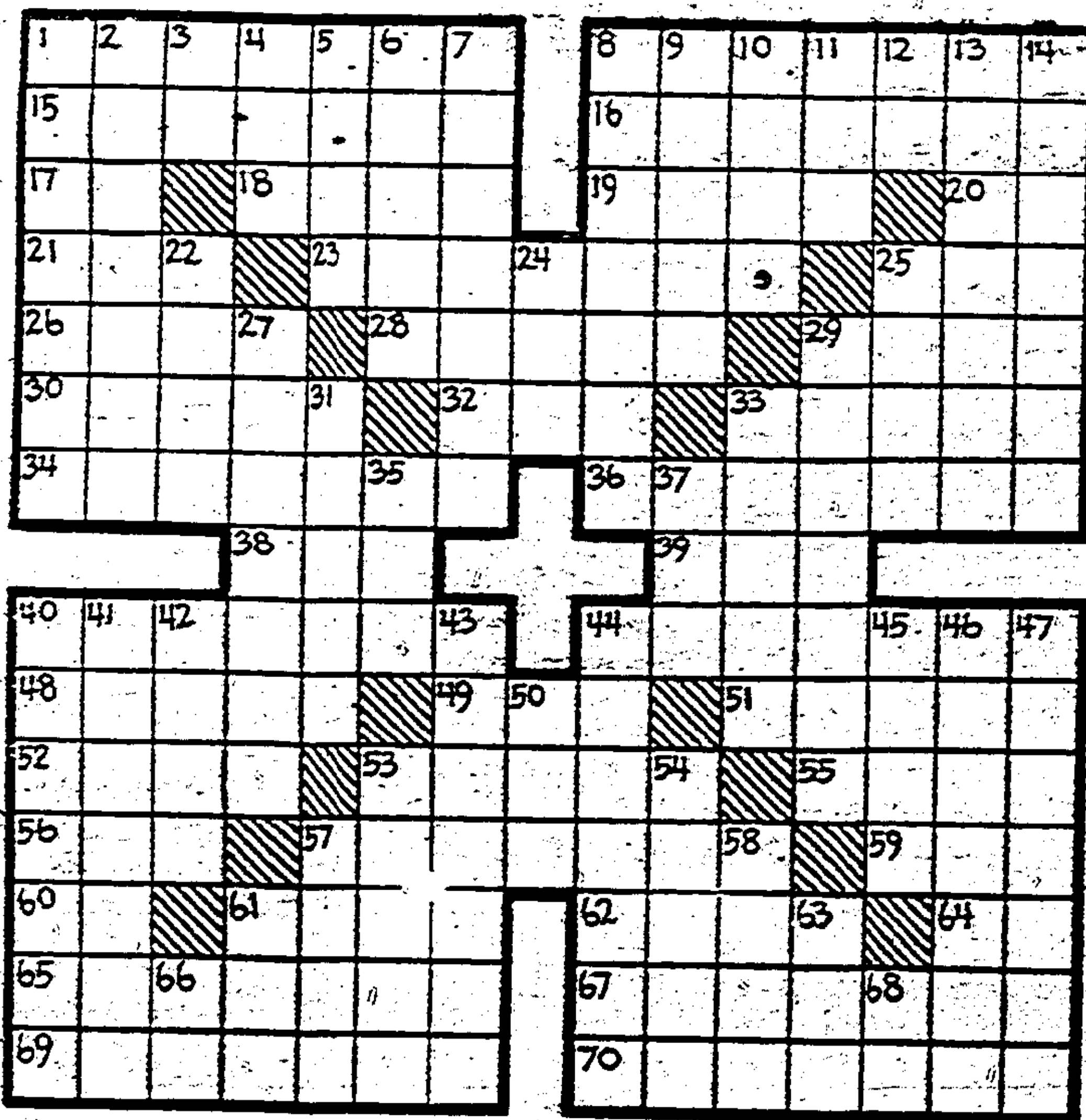
Wicker Basket—No name.

Trunk—Benjamin.

Trunk (black) — "A. H. and A.T.H."

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



## HORIZONTAL

- 1-Trifling
- 8-Lies ungracefully
- 13-Retain
- 16-One who holds property for another
- 17-Because
- 18-Mid-day
- 19-File-like tool
- 20-Section of the Bible (abbr.)
- 21-Seed covering
- 23-Salt of nitrous acid
- 25-Seaport (abbr.)
- 26-An entreaty
- 28-A minor planet
- 29-Fur-bearing animal
- 30-Each
- 32-Support
- 33-Cubit unit of metric measure
- 34-Lower
- 35-Period of time (pl.)
- 38-High priest (Bible)
- 39-Mop
- 40-Remembers
- 44-Assistants
- 46-Scents
- 48-Beverage
- 51-Resign an office
- 52-Come short of

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 53-Yield
- 55-A prima donna
- 56-Near the stern
- 57-Stigmatized
- 59-To steep, as flax
- 60-Nickel (abbr.)
- 61-Ireland
- 62-In the case of (Law)
- 64-Tellurium (abbr.)
- 65-Island in N. Atlantic Ocean
- 67-More bolsterous
- 69-An ointment of oil and wax (pl.)
- 70-Male geese

## VERTICAL

- 1-Snared
- 2-Determine
- 3-Exists
- 4-City in Italy (abbr.)
- 5-A metal
- 6-Evade
- 7-Old world plant (pl.)
- 8-Cords
- 9-Idle talk
- 10-Pretext
- 11-A serpent
- 12-Weight (abbr.)
- 13-Cat-like animal

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14-Decides
- 22-Profound
- 24-Fish eggs
- 25-Observed
- 27-Debt overdue
- 29-Ceased
- 31-Howls
- 33-Berate
- 35-Stockbroker's abbreviation of silver
- 37-A compass point (abbr.)
- 40-Roman
- 41-A building
- 42-Outlay
- 43-Fibers
- 44-Manipulating
- 45-A Turkish official
- 46-One who rivets
- 47-Affirmants
- 50-One (Ger.)
- 53-Sea-water
- 54-Tailfin seaport
- 57-A child ( slang)
- 58-River in Albania
- 61-Note in Guido's scale
- 63-Esdras (abbr.)
- 68-Comparative suffix
- 69-That is (Lat. abbr.)

The solutions of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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## SWAPS

SWAP HEREIN NOT HEREFTER  
WILL SELL or SWAP

- 1 Small Billiard Table with all accessories as new.
- 2 S Heavy Blackwood Chairs.
- 3 Long Blackwood Settee.
- 4 Teakwood Roll Top Desk.
- 5 Table Model Victrola.
- 6 Several large Mirrors.
- 7 Portable Stoewer Typewriter.
- 8 Old Remington Typewriter.
- 9 Underwood Typewriter 14".
- 10 Remington Typewriter 14".
- 11 Old Monarch Typewriter 10".
- 12 Pye Battery Radio with L/S.
- 13 Brown Moving Coil Loud/S.
- 14 Philips High Tension Unit.
- 15 Quantity Old Gram Records.
- 16 Hand Painted Fire Screen.
- 17 Quantity New Rubber Boots.
- 18 Set Painted Rattan Chairs.
- 19 Old Style Teak Dresser.
- 20 Ladies' Teak Dressing Table.
- 21 Teakwood Sideboard as new.
- 22 Small Teakwood China Cabinet.
- 23 Oval Bathroom Wall Mirror.
- 24 Large Teak Office Desk.
- 25 Dropleaf Teak Dining Table.
- 26 Upholstered Day Couch.
- 27 Large Cabinet Victrola.
- 28 Mascot Portable Gramophone.
- 29 Nest Blackwood Teapots.
- 30 Teakwood Dinner Waggon.
- 31 Upholstered Corner Seat.
- 32 Single Iron Bedstead.
- 33 Several Double Bedsteads.
- 34 Double Iron Bed Box Mattress.
- 35 Small Teakwood Chest as new.
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## TEXT OF FIRM SOVIET NOTE TO ITALY

Moscow, To-day.

The text of the Soviet Note to Italy states that the Soviet Government has indubitable proofs of the aggressive actions of Italian warships against Soviet merchant ships.

These actions, says the Note, consist of the sinking by Italian submarines of the steamer Timiryazev and a similar attack and sinking of the steamer Blagoev.

The Note describes the alleged acts as a "flagrant contravention of the principles of humanity, the most elementary and generally recognised precepts of international law and also violation of the Italo-Soviet Pact of 1933."

### RESOLUTE PROTEST

The Soviet makes a very resolute protest to Italy and places on the Italian Government full responsibility for the political and material consequences.

It insists on resolute discontinuance of aggression in future, full compensation for the damage caused to the Soviet, also for the seamen on the said ships, and also exemplary punishment of the persons guilty.—Reuter.

### Singlehanded Steps Unlikely

Moscow, To-day.

Competent circles here believe that the Soviet Note to Italy will strengthen the Soviet hand at the Mediterranean Conference, where M. Litvinov, the Foreign Commissar, is expected to demand strong and effective measures to render commercial shipping in the Mediterranean safe.

The Soviet Government will continue to insist on joint action by all Powers concerned but informed circles are sceptical of success and also doubt whether the Soviet Government will act single-handed with a view to despatching convoys to the Mediterranean or severing relations with Italy.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI TO-DAY

The British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, has telegraphed the H. K. General Chamber of Commerce as follows:—We are of the opinion that conditions here do not justify the return of British women and children to this port at present. This opinion is supported by British Consular, Naval and Military officials. Please give this announcement the widest publicity.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" leaves Nagasaki on September 7, is due at Hong Kong on the 10th at 7.00 a.m. and leaves Hong Kong (for Manila) on the 10th at 5.00 p.m.

Mr. A. Jones, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, reported to the police yesterday that some time between 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. he lost or had stolen a pair of spectacles valued at £5.

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION IN N. CHINA

Peiping, To-day.

The Japanese claim that their troops, advancing along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, are now battering at the walls of Machang. Chinese volunteers are reported to have been in action for several days past.—Trans-Ocean.

## MR. R.G. HOWE TO STUDY BLOCKADE SITUATION

Mr. R. G. Howe, who is to be Charge d'Affaires in China during the convalescence of H.M. Ambassador, arrived at Kai Tack Airport at 11.25 a.m.

He informed the "China Mail" that he proposes to stay with H.E. the O.A.G. for the next 24 hours and will study the situation which has arisen as a result of the Japanese blockade of the Canton delta.

He will be leaving for Shanghai to-morrow probably in the "Daring."

His Excellency said that the public in England was highly indignant at the wounding of Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, and he described the Japanese suggestion that the war was Anglo-Japanese and not Sino-Japanese as "fatuous."

## RESERVISTS REJOINING

London, To-day.

Nearly 1,500 Army Reservists are already back in the Army under the offer announced by Mr. Hore Belisha recently to allow Reservists to re-join Colours with a view to qualifying for pension.

The number who have notified the Army Record offices of their desire to accept the offer has now reached more than 3,200.—British Wireless.

## OFFICER FOUND DEAD ON SEISTAN

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when he went on board to visit deceased. He said that Fuller had been with him since March and he had found him a very good officer.

The cabin was searched but nothing was found to indicate any motive for suicide.

### POST-MORTEM

It is understood that a post-mortem examination of the late Mr. Fuller will be held to-morrow morning. The funeral will probably take place in the evening.

An unknown Chinese received severe head injuries yesterday when he jumped off bus No. 784 in Prince Edward Road while it was in motion and died a few hours later at the Kowloon Hospital.

## BRITAIN AND THE BLOCKADE

London, To-day.

After receiving confirmation that Japan has extended the blockade to the entire Chinese coast, except Tsingtao, the British Government, according to informed quarters, has ordered its legal experts to examine the situation from the juridical viewpoint.

Doubt is expressed in London whether the blockade may be carried out at all without a preceding declaration of war.

The British Government's future attitude, it is declared, will be made dependent on further developments in Chinese waters.

### PAPERS EXAMINED

Although British ships have already been halted by Japanese warships, they were all allowed to proceed unmolested after examination of their papers.

As long as British shipping is not actually interfered with, the British Government, so it is believed, will not take any action.—Trans-Ocean.

## Reuter's Grim Picture Of Belchite

London, To-day.

Though British interest in the Spanish civil war has been considerably overshadowed by the Chinese fighting, a grim reminder of the nature of the Spanish war is furnished by a report from Reuter's correspondent who made a tour of the town of Belchite, on the Aragon front, after its capture by the Government forces.

Not a single building in the town had escaped damage and few were standing, while the streets were almost impassable owing to shattered buildings and the fact that they were strewn with the bodies of Moorish soldiers, mules, cats and dogs.

### DRAMATIC LAST STAND

The cathedral, full of shell holes, in which the Nationalists made a dramatic last stand, responding to the terrific Government artillery fire with machine-guns, resembles a shambles, with the charred bodies of some of the defenders amid the debris caused by explosive and incendiary shells.

The town is probably in more ruined condition than any town bombarded in the Great War.

Altogether, 1,700 bodies of Nationalist soldiers were found in the town, while 3,000 Nationalists were taken prisoner in the Belchite sector.—Reuter.

## Army Medical Chief

London, To-day.

Major-General W. P. MacArthur will succeed Sir James Hartigan as Director-General of Army Medical Services from March 1 next.—British Wireless.

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## NEWS FLASHES

The elimination between China and Japan for the 1940 Olympic Games is now taking place in Shanghai. The Tag of War, Bayonet thrust, Shot-Put and Bomb dropping events are just about even on points according to the judges. Royal typewriters will report on the Games from day to day.

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